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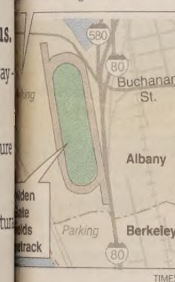


GREGORY URQUIAGA/STAFF

**PARKING LOT ADJACENT** to Golden Gate Fields in Albany may become a 600,000- to 800,000-square-foot project of retail, entertainment, restaurants and housing. Caruso Affiliated Holdings plans to seek city approval next year for the project.

### Plan to seek expansion

Los Angeles-based developer Caruso Affiliated, working on behalf of Golden Gate Fields owner Magna Entertainment Corp., plans to seek city approvals next year to build a 600,000-square-foot to 800,000-square-foot project that would include retail, entertainment, restaurants and housing on the empty underused parking lot adjacent to the horse racing track.



TIMES

## Racetrack mall proposed

■ But some wonder about the wisdom of building another shopping center along the I-80 corridor

By James Temple  
STAFF WRITER

Six months after withdrawing plans for a massive development amid community opposition, the owners of Golden Gate Fields are pursuing another large mixed-use project at the site.

But the new plan so far has done little to quell old concerns.

The owners of the Albany horse racetrack, Ontario, Canada-based Magna Entertainment Corp., have tapped Caruso Affiliated to develop the 45-acre site, now an underused parking lot on the west and northwest sides of the track. Los Angeles-based Caruso, an experienced mixed-use

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developer, plans to seek city approvals next year to build a 600,000-square-foot to 800,000-square-foot project that would include retail, entertainment, restaurants and housing, said Rick Moses, senior vice president and chief development officer.

"We are going for a fairly high-end mix of local tenants and some of the nationals," he said, adding that the project will cost well in excess of \$100 million. "But we're going to emphasize public spaces, that's very important to us and will be very important to the people of Albany."

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## Forum set to examine future of shoreline

By Alan Lopez  
STAFF WRITER

ALBANY — A meeting to discuss the future of the Albany shoreline and persuade residents to vote no on a state gambling proposition will be held Saturday, Aug. 14, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Albany Community Center, 1249 Marin Ave.

Speakers will include Congresswoman Barbara Lee, State Assemblywoman Loni Hancock and Albany City Council members and candidates.

The Sierra Club and the Citizens for the Eastshore State Park are sponsoring the event.

The two groups, which were in large part responsible for creating Eastshore State Park, have been lobbying for their vision of the shoreline for many months. Their vision includes expanded parkland with small hotels adjacent to the freeway.

Their controversial plan is dependent on finding money to buy the land as well as seeing the Golden Gate Fields racetrack close.

The problem for the groups now is state Proposition 68, which if approved in November, could bring up to 3,000 slot machines to Golden Gate Fields.

"If the slots initiative passes, Magna (the owner of the racetrack) will undoubtedly put the slots there and essentially create a casino, which means that the value of that property will skyrocket," said Norman La Force, the chair of the Sierra Club's East Bay Public Lands Committee. "And there will be no way ... it will be very, very difficult to ever get that shoreline as public open space."

La Force continued: "If you like a big racetrack that covers most of the property and don't

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## Taxes top local ballot

■ In addition to voting on City Council races, voters in Albany and El Cerrito will decide on tax measures for local services

By Alan Lopez  
STAFF WRITER

Voters in El Cerrito and Albany will have several local board races and tax measures to decide this November.

Not so in Kensington. Only incumbents filed candidacy papers for the two open seats each on the Police and Community Services

## Mixed feelings on departure of city official

■ The City Council will decide whether Mark Friedman will serve out his term or leave early

By Alan Lopez  
STAFF WRITER

EL CERRITO — Resident Al Miller was one of City Councilman Mark Friedman's biggest supporters when Friedman unsuccessfully ran for the state Assembly in 1996.

Impressed with Friedman's

### COUNCIL MEETING

WHAT: El Cerrito City Council

WHEN: 7:30 p.m. Monday

WHERE: Community Center, 7007 Mooser Lane

INFORMATION: 510-215-4305

commitment to supporting labor unions and the environment, Miller distributed yard signs for his campaign and spent hours hooking up a network of Macintosh computers at his campaign headquarters.

Today, he feels differently.

He was disappointed by Friedman's involvement in election mailers in 2002 that many believed led to the ouster of Kathie Perka from the City Council.

He's suspicious of Friedman's recent declaration that he's going to let the other council members decide whether he should resign a few months before his second term ends this November.

Miller said that if Friedman resigns, the council majority will have the ability to appoint someone who can then run for re-election this November. And, because incumbents are favored, he says, that person can expect to win.

"That smacks of dirty politics to me," said Miller, the president of the El Cerrito Democratic Club.

For Miller, those two incidents color perceptions of Friedman's nearly eight years of service on the council, which may come to an end at Monday night's council meeting because he's moving to Berkeley.

However, nearly everyone agrees that Friedman has been a consensus builder, worked well with others and has largely been a positive force on the council.

Residents agree on a number of his accomplishments. He was mayor when voters approved the Measure A parcel tax that led to the construction of the city's new swimming pools.

He helped build up the city's general fund reserves.

During Friedman's tenure, Scott Hanin was brought on as city manager. Hanin has been roundly lauded for his work.

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## Albany merchants wary of retail additions

By Alan Lopez  
STAFF WRITER

ALBANY — Residents looking for food or practically anything they need to buy in the city look forward to new stores. Target and PetsMart are scheduled to open this fall on the Eastshore Freeway.

City leaders are looking forward to the sales tax revenues, essential for Target to be more than a store.

Mayor Robert Good said the new stores will benefit the city with minimal effects on traffic and small businesses.

But the impact will be minimal, he said. "It will develop the area in a way it should be developed. That's great. And there are no problems with what we're doing down there."

The late fall will open probate at the corner of Eastshore Freeway and Buchanan Street, Albany associate planner Billy Good said. The 24,000-square-foot building was approved July 26 by the



GREGORY URQUIAGA/STAFF

**ALPHA PET SUPPLY** owners Vicky Chavez, Chris CaPuto and Tina Harrison talk with a customer about how to feed a finicky dog Aug. 11. The Town Center shop fears an ill effect from Target and Petsmart opening soon in near the freeway.

City Council, acting as the city's Reinvestment (Redevelopment) Agency.

Just a couple of hundred feet south of PetsMart will be Target,

with a 164,000-square-foot store in addition to an 8,000-square-foot garden center on a 10-acre site.

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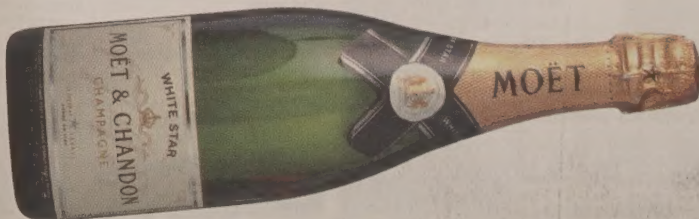
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# Bring in the honey, says Paul Ferrari

THE BEES ARE back!" said Paul Ferrari. "Never underestimate the power of prayer!"

Paul is the owner of A.G. Foods, the chain of delicacy stores that is celebrating its 85th anniversary. When I spoke with him years ago, he was down because his daughter Devalle (translating "Daniel of the valley") was refusing to sell him any more honey.



MARTIN SNAPP  
Snapp Shots

Paul has a lifestyle we all envy: He shuttles back and forth between the Bay where he lives, and where he finds tiny sunflower honey he mostly mom-and-pop farmers, and buys up their output.

the green tomato jam from a convent of nuns outside Rome. The sunflower honey he from Devalle, who lives in Lucca, Italy, not California.

four years ago, a few of the bees started straying to the fields. The honey was delicious, but it was 100 percent pure sunflower. For a purist like Devalle, it's an infamy.

Paul won't sell it to you because you're a fellow Italian," he told Paul. "I'll sell it to Germans; it's good for them." (Demonstrating that there's still bad blood between the Italians and Germans all these years after World War II.) The honey continued to stray for four years. But then, while Paul was in the Trappist nuns, he heard them pray for the

bees. "I just talked to the nuns and so far, the bees are coming back to the sunflowers! Their fingers crossed; if they put for two more years, we'll have sunflower honey this year!"

Devalle called Paul a "fellow Italian," he was speaking. Like many Americans, Paul is a descendant of the wave of immigrants who came to this country in the 19th and early 20th centuries. His story is our story. In 1917, when a 17-year-old draftee in the Italian army named Camillo Ferrari was killed in World War I, his brother, Annibale, had to take his place.

But their father had other ideas. "That's it!" he told Annibale. "I'm not giving them another son to kill. Tomorrow, you leave for America."

Six weeks later, young Annibale arrived in San Francisco. He worked hard and saved his money; and eventually he opened his first specialty food store.

Because so many Italians in this area came from the same city in Italy — Lucca — he named the store Lucca, too. And to add an exclamation point, he named it Ultra Lucca. Eventually, there were Ultra Lucca stores all over the East Bay.

The Ultra Lucca chain passed from father to son, and eventually to grandson. But when Paul took over 10 years ago, he changed the name to A.G. Ferrari and displayed his grandfather's picture prominently in all the stores.

It was more than a gesture. Paul was — and still is — engaged in a search for roots. Renaming the stores in his grandfather's honor was just the first step. Eventually, he took out joint American-Italian citizenship. Now he splits his time 50-50 between the home of his birth and the home of his ancestors.

"The funny thing is that the more Italian I get, the more I'm proud to be an American," he says. "It's important to understand why our ancestors came here."

In 1915, Theodore Roosevelt sneered, "There can be no room in this country for hyphenated Americans."

But today, almost 100 years later, America has grown up. The descendants of those people T.R. sneered at have lost their cultural cringe. They feel comfortable embracing their ethnic heritage, even as they embrace America tighter. In some ways, the "hyphenated Americans" have become the most American of all.

Reach Martin Snapp at 510-262-2787 or email msnapp@cc-times.com.

## OF THE WEEK

**KEELEY** — Sassparilla, the pet of the week, is a 10-month-old black and white puppy, possibly a mix, which means she will be very active. She will obedience training as well as attention. Sassparilla is 10 months old and has had no shots.

The following animals may be available for adoption at the East Bay Humane Society: 10-month-old black female mix; 1-year-old black and white male border collie; 2-year-old black and white male border collie mix; 3-year-old black and white male Chihuahua; 3-year-old brindle and white Staffordshire bull terrier mix; 1-year-old black and white German shepherd; 3-year-old male Australian shepherd.

female black and white, 7 years; female gray tabby, 6 years; female tortoiseshell, 5 years; female black and white, 3 years; female dilute tortoiseshell, 4 years; female dilute tortoiseshell, 5 years; male black and white, 1 year; female brown and white tabby, 6 years; female calico, 3 years; male black, 2 years; male gray, 1 year; female gray tabby, 7 months; male black and white, 5 years; male brown tabby, 1 year; orange tabby, 4 years; several litters of kittens of various colors and hair length, both male and female.

**Adoption fee:** cats \$100; dogs \$125 — including spaying/neutering and age-appropriate shots. There is an overnight hold period. The Berkeley East Bay Humane Society is located at 2700 Ninth St., Berkeley. Its hours are 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Tuesday through Sunday. Information: www.berkeleyhumane.org or call 510-845-7735.

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# Neighbors

## El Cerritan's vision extends across the world

By Alan Lopez  
STAFF WRITER

EL CERRITO — Tracy Giles' daughter, 5-year-old Sara Giles, inspected a bag of small stuffed animals in the backyard of their El Cerrito home.

The toys aren't for Sara but for children in Kathmandu, Nepal.

For the past year, Tracy Giles has been organizing a mission to Nepal Sept. 20-24 to correct the vision of upwards of 20 children with the eye condition strabismus, more commonly known as crossed eyes.

San Francisco children's eye doctor T. Otis Paul will conduct the surgeries and give lectures to other doctors on new surgery methods. Some \$3,000 worth of medical equipment will be donated to the Tiluanga Eye Clinic, as well as bags of small stuffed animals for the children to take after the surgery.

Those with strabismus cannot align both eyes simultaneously. Eyes are crossed or one or both of the eyes may turn in different directions.

"The main purpose (of the surgery) is to straighten the eyes and regain what's called binocular vision where they can use the two eyes simultaneously," said Paul, who leads the eye-surgery organization Rotavision and goes on several foreign missions a year.

Giles got involved in the mission about a year ago after hearing Paul discuss his work at an El Cerrito Rotary Club meeting.

She recognized the ailment because she herself had it when she was born, in addition to a number of other complications resulting from her birth, four months premature.

Following her birth, she said,



EDDIE LEDESMA/STAFF

TRACY GILES and her daughter Sarah, 5, left, play with some of the stuffed animal gifts they will take to Nepal during a mission Giles organized for doctors to conduct corrective eye surgery for children.

## HOW TO HELP

Tracy Giles is still raising money for medical equipment and looking for stuffed animal donations. For more information, call 510-528-8411.

she was rushed by helicopter to a children's hospital, where doctors performed surgery to connect her esophagus to her stomach.

"I was given last rites after surgery," said the 41-year-old

Giles, who runs B & T Book-keeping out of her El Cerrito home. "The doctor said (to Giles' parents): You should say goodbye to your baby because she's probably not going to make it."

She had a number of surgeries as a child and teen-ager, including one to correct her eyes. She endured schoolyard taunts while wearing an eyepatch for months, but the experience made her stronger.

"Having this gift of life has always been hanging over me," said Giles. "It's always driven me

to be good to people even when they were calling me names."

She's also excited to take her daughter to Nepal, one of the countries she and her husband Brody Giles visited in 1997.

"I hope to be an example for my daughter," she added. "It's not always about you or me; it's about looking at the broader picture — how we can help people."

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## Retail

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Approved by the Redevelopment Agency about a year ago, it's on schedule to open Oct. 10, Gross said.

Not everyone is so enthusiastic about the two stores opening. The owners of ALPHA Pet Supply & The Wild Birds Nest on San Pablo Avenue had a number of concerns.

"It's going to come in and try to kill the little stores off and it's not going to help anybody except big box stores," said Chris CaPuto, a co-owner of the pet store, which has been in business for about nine months.

"It's not representing Albany very well, a big box store like that," added co-owner Victoria Chavez.

However, like other business owners, they weren't sure if or how the new stores would affect business.

Stephanie Taylor, the owner of the Five Little Monkeys toy and gift store on Solano Avenue agreed. The new stores could bring more traffic to her store or be bad for business, she said.

However, like CaPuto, she was confident her store offered better customer service and products.

"We really try to carry higher-quality things and things they don't have," she said.

Sherman Lim, president of the Albany Chamber of Commerce, said he wasn't aware of the plans for the pet store, but feels Target was a good fit for the city.

He agreed with Mayor Jon Ely, who said Target will for the most

part not be in direct competition with stores on Solano Avenue in the city's small business district.

Solano Avenue is moving from retail businesses to service-oriented businesses, Ely said. That includes restaurants, doctors and nail salons.

Ely said he understands that there are parts of the country where big-box businesses have had negative effects on their communities.

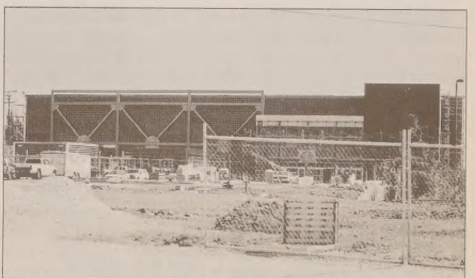
But "Target is not going to suck up retail consumers in the Bay Area," he said. "It's not going to close every shop in town."

Lim added that Target would also provide jobs for local residents and prevent people from driving to El Cerrito or elsewhere to shop.

Councilwoman Peggy Thomson said she is also looking forward to Target's opening.

"I thought when I was running (for City Council) that we really needed a redevelopment area down there so we could generate some income for the city," she said. "So I do think this will be a good source of income over the long haul."

Thomson's biggest concern is traffic. The city is working with Caltrans to build a traffic light at Buchanan Street and the East-shore Highway that would allow people to turn left from the East-



JOANNA JHANDA/STAFF

A NEW Target store under construction in Albany is being welcomed by some, but others have reservations.

shore Highway onto the freeway.

However, until that traffic light is built, Thomson said, cars will likely spill onto Buchanan Street going east, with cars looking to make U-turns to head back to the freeway.

Thomson said Target has agreed to pay for traffic enforcement during the holiday season, when vehicle trips will likely be to be heaviest.

"I have a feeling this store will be a mighty success, it's huge," Thomson said. "I think it will also have the novelty of being a new store and the fact that it's two stories. They're going to be able to carry a lot of goods at that place. I do think it's going to be a challenge until we can get that light right out there on the frontage road."

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a government without newspapers, or newspapers  
without a government, I should not hesitate a moment  
to prefer the latter."

— Thomas Jefferson

## EDITORIAL

## You can help supply students with hope

SCHOOL WILL BEGIN soon, and even now there is activity on local campuses as athletes and bands begin practice. The rest are counting down the summer vacation days until doors open for class.

Families who can afford to do so are buying their kids new school supplies — fresh backpacks and binders, pencils, glue, scissors and other necessities.

And once again this year, Hills Newspapers and Contra Costa Newspapers are encouraging the community to help level the playing field for those kids whose families can't afford to buy school supplies, with their Project Ready to Learn campaign.

All Hills and Contra Costa Newspaper offices are accepting donations (see "How to Help" for details) through Aug. 25.

Times and Hills papers readers over the past four years have donated cash and supplies to equip almost 6,500 children. We're asking you to open your hearts and pocketbooks again this year — because if anything, families are more strapped this year than ever.

Donated items in Alameda County will be distributed by Tools 4 School, an umbrella project of 15 agencies that work with low-income and at-risk families in Alameda County.

Contra Costa County's Volunteer and Emergency Services — the nonprofit, volunteer arm of the Employment and Human Services Department — handles distribution of donations in that county.

Project Ready to Learn has become a communitywide affair, with participation from businesses, faith groups, volunteer organizations and individuals. The Junior League of Oakland-East Bay helps sort and transport donations.

We're asking you to join the campaign to help kids get the tools they need to start the school year off right.

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- A sturdy zippered binder or backpack full of supplies for a middle or high school student: pens and No. 2 pencils; markers or colored pencils; several college-rule notebooks or packs of loose-leaf paper; folders; a calendar or homework planner; a compass or protractor; a solar-powered calculator.

- A scientific or graphing calculator.

- Reference books, such as a paperback dictionary or a single-volume encyclopedia.

- An empty backpack, any style or color.

Label each set of supplies with the grade level of the child for which it is appropriate. You may also want to include gender. ("Fourth-grade boy," for instance, or "high school girl.")

The deadline for donations is 5 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 25.

Drop off supplies during regular weekday business hours at the West County Times office, 4703 Lakeside Dr., Richmond, 510-758-8400.

Or give cash donations, which will be used to buy additional school supplies for kids in need. All contributions are tax deductible.

- In Alameda County, write a check to Lincoln Child Center, and include the words "For school supplies" in the memo line. Mail to Lincoln Child Center, attn.: Tools 4 School, 4368 Lincoln Ave., Oakland, CA 94602. For details call Jack Saures at 510-485-7103.

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## SUMMER DAYS, DRIFTIN' AWAY

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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## Where is fair and balanced?

People are entitled to listen to any news channel and read any newspaper they choose.

There has been a lot of discussion lately about Fox News and its "unfair and unbalanced" reporting. Obviously, there are many people who watch Fox News who like that kind of journalism. They are probably the same people who listen to Rush Limbaugh and read the Conservative Digest.

But many others who watch Fox do not understand how this "unfair and unbalanced" reporting biases their views of incredibly important issues that face our nation today.

I actually believe that CNN isn't all that fair and balanced either, just more fair and balanced than Fox.

Perhaps we need a watchdog group that can rate how balanced these 24-hour news channels, their hosts, news shows and radio channels are. Then people who actually want balanced reporting will know where to look.

I believe most citizens want to be given the facts and make up their own minds, but if they don't know they aren't getting the facts, they don't know they aren't making up their own minds, either.

Emily Bartman  
El Cerrito

## Outsourcing

Some decry outsourcing as damaging to our middle class.

While I share sympathy for those whose jobs are replaced, I disagree that it harms us. If the cost of products and services can maintain affordable prices this way, it cannot be harmful.

There is a basic cause for the outsourcing: heavy taxation and government-mandated programs. A business does not pay the taxes or the mandated costs. It collects the funds from those who buy from it and passes them on.

If those costs reach the point where a reasonable return on investment cannot be had without reducing other costs, the business must look to those other costs — one of which is the cost of wages.

If a labor source lower in cost can do the same work at the same quality, the business may choose that route.

If you dislike outsourcing, try getting government to reduce its imposed costs.

George Amberg  
El Cerrito

## Clinton's malfeasance?

Clinton's malfeasance? What about Bush's malfeasance?

Bill Clinton's an outstanding politician with questionable morals. His dalliances with women were inappropriate.

While Clinton was embroiled in many scandals during his presidency, they pale in comparison to the Bush administration's bald-faced lies.

Clinton never sent 900-plus American troops to their death in a country that had nothing to do with the terrorists we seek. This administration only needed a "new Pearl Harbor" (9/11 attacks) to set its plan into action.

George Bush's lies began even before he was elected. I'll name a few.

He stole the election, aided by his brother and Katherine Harris, Florida's then-secretary of state. He avoided prosecution for insider trading through his daddy's connections.

He deserted his post in the Air National Guard (to avoid drug testing?). He

allowed no-bid contracts to go to Dick Cheney's former company — costing taxpayers hundreds of millions of dollars.

He used intelligence from Ahmad Chalabi (an Iranian agent?) about Iraq's WMDs to justify this war. And Bush set back relations with the rest of the world 20 years.

Clinton may have been involved in "Chinagate," but Richard Perle, a leading neoconservative giving advice to Bush, is being sued by Judicial Watch (a right-wing watchdog group) for passing state secrets to China through his business dealings.

The real evil is all politicians! This great nation is run by greed and special interests. The malfeasance reigns on both sides of the aisle and we, the people, must demand change.

Bush's re-election will ensure our civil liberties will continue to be infringed upon, that the wealthy and big business get all the breaks, that decisions will be based on corporate America's needs and that our troops will be sent to die unnecessarily!

Let's find bin Laden and shut down his terrorist network, instead of invading countries under false pretenses — no matter how despotic their leaders.

If Bush really cared about human suffering, our troops would be deployed in Africa. But sadly, those countries don't have oil, so we ignore them.

Let's change things and give America back to the people! I'm proud to be an American but I'm not proud of our great nation as it stands today.

Doug McDonald  
El Cerrito

## Kerry's views clear

Those of us ABBAs (Anyone But Bush Again) have learned, through the Democratic convention, that we have a clear choice now that John Kerry has articulated his views on regaining the honor of the United States in the world community.

Without a global view, we are as isolated as cowboys around the campfire in Crawford.

Rather than being embarrassed and petrified by the current administration's world view, ABBAs now can comfortably become JKs.

Katherine Reed  
El Cerrito

## Hope is on the way

I heard John Kerry speak the other night and I am impressed.

He is smart, he has courage, and he loves America. What a wonderful man.

Bridget Galvin  
El Cerrito

## A positive campaign

During the Democratic National Convention, John Kerry challenged President

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Bush to run a positive, issues-based campaign.

I, and other Americans, are worried about issues including our children's health, education and safety, and about the role of the military in the world.

Why is Bush avoiding these issues? Is he attacking Sen. Kerry's credibility, and service to his country?

Bush is acting like the school bully, sending his pals (in this case, advertising) to attack his opponent. Come out from behind the bike and Bush, and debate the issues.

Chris Sorensen  
Kensington

## Nothing changed

What I learned from the recent Democratic convention is that nothing has changed since 1932. The Democrats are still the same lies to the same constituents have swallowed their garbage for the 50 years.

It is very difficult to ascertain the level of ignorance is most prominent of those telling the lies, or that of those who continue to believe them.

This scheme has been perfected by Democrats since they realized that illiterates would vote for anyone other than an option to working for a living.

Bennie G. G.

## Open space groups

The recent open space initiative has my interest in the number of options involved in open space preservation and/or recreational pursuits.

One click on the Internet produces amazing 22 organizations, including California Coastal Commission, California State Parks, California Historical Society, Bay Area Open Space Council, EBMUD Recreation Areas.

I'm sure there are many more.

Do we really need so many management organizations, each with their executive director, paid staff and money to protect open space and recreation projects for the public? Many of these organizations are well defined and consolidated into fewer, effective advocacy entities?

And can't all the money saved by re-augmenting staff be used to actually cure and preserve open space for future use.

A.L. Mendez  
Richmond

## Kerry military record

I was amazed at John Kerry's military record: it speaks for itself. In sharp contrast to a look at George Bush's military record, Oh wait, we can't, because much of it has been blacked out.

The more I see of Kerry, the more I realize that he exhibits Christian principles by his actions, while Bush only claims to be Christian.

Bush's actions prove he is really a capitalist in self-proclaimed robes. Who can we trust better with the keys to our nation: Kerry, who has distinguished himself on the battlefield, who shows real compassion for the life of life, or Bush, who apparently America's soldiers are pawns in his political and financial objectives?

Who is more trustworthy: Kerry, who thinks for himself, or Bush, who is a mouthpiece of his wealthy chamber of commerce?

Andrew D. P.



# EL CERRITO SCHOOL NEWS

## Harding Elementary

Harding School parents are invited to a Back-to-School Community Picnic on Saturday, August 14, at the Harding Park Clubhouse from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

New or returning Harding families and neighbors of the free picnic are invited to the free picnic to meet other families, hear about plans for moving into the new \$43 million school, and find out more about PTA-sponsored programs while the children participate in games and activities.

The school is located on Fairview Avenue at Ashbury Avenue in El Cerrito. The main entrance is on "C" Street (between Ashbury and Behrens). For information, call Lisa at 510-606-6046 or Sharon at 510-606-6059.

## El Cerrito High School

**REGISTRATION AP- SCHEDULES:** Registration dates for El Cerrito High School are: Monday, Aug. 16: Seniors 1-4

Tuesday, Aug. 17: Sophomores 8:30-11:30 a.m.

Wednesday, Aug. 18: Freshmen Orientation 10 a.m.-noon,

lunch noon-1 p.m., registration 1-4 p.m.

Volunteers are still needed. Please call Office Manager Diane Sericati, ECHS 525-0234 ext. 2612.

**DIRECT APPEAL:** Coordinators Janet McKnight and Laurie Schumacher thank the volunteers who helped stuff and label envelopes for the El Cerrito High School Student Activity/Academic Fund Direct Appeal for 2004. Helpers included students and parents of incoming freshmen and as a result, the group will send more than 12,000 letters to the community.

In particular, the coordinators thank Vince Rhea, Diane Sericati, Sarah Druss, Susan Turek, Susan Brodsky, Barbara Lutz, Mark Walstrom, Barbara Buder, the Takimoto family (Marty, Linda, Keely), the Jawad family (Michele, Jenny), Ilona Einowski, Rhonda Sarnoff, Cliff Ball, Malka Helfman, Howard Abelson, Rosaline Soneda, Jenny McKnight, the Lew family (Paula, Kyla, Caitlin), Rafaela Castro.

They also thank Helen Horowitz for the use of the Kensington Community Center.

# Letters from 1896 reflect today's library issues

**Quote of the week:**  
"A library that is not accessible out of business hours — is of as little value as gold hoarded in a vault — and withdrawn from circulation."

— Alexander Graham Bell, Nov. 17, 1896, in a letter to his wife, Mabel Hubbard Bell



**JULIE WINKELSTEIN**  
At the Library

**I**N CASE YOU wonder if the library concerns of today — agencies cooperating, money, space, accessibility — are similar to the ones in the past, I'd thought I'd share a fascinating series of letters between Mrs. Alexander Graham Bell and Alexander Graham Bell. I discovered them on the Library of Congress' "American Memory" Web site (<http://memory.loc.gov>). This incredible searchable site has more than 7 million digital items, including photographs, letters and other documents.

The letters begin in November 1896, when Mrs. Bell tells her husband: "I told Miss McCurdy that I would contribute \$50 towards the establishment for one year of a reading room in connection with the Public Library. ... I do want the Public Library accessible to the public

and the reading room would be such a benefit. Miss McCurdy ... thinks she knows just the person for the librarian, and that she could be got for \$50.00 a year, a dollar a week for four evenings."

I was curious how this compared to today's dollar, and I found the answer on a Web site called "What is the Relative Value?" It turns out that \$1 in 1896 is equal to \$21.70 in today's money. The ensuing letters follow the course of the proposed reading room, showing the ups and downs of her efforts to establish one.

In a letter dated Nov. 17, 1896, she starts: "I hope you and he (Mr. Keenan) won't think me very obstinate and pig-headed for not being convinced by his arguments of the certain failure of my library scheme." She then counters

other points by Mr. Keenan, including "... I think the library would have much more chance of success if it were in the ladies' hands instead of those of the gentlemen."

Her husband is quite sympathetic. He makes recommendations about involving other community members, such as "Ministers and School teachers" and has some definite ideas. "There must be a reading-room where works of reference can be consulted — open at such times when people are free — open in the afternoon or evening. ... A Librarian is imperative. ... The town people must be stirred up ..."

Four days later, in a letter that begins "My dear little wife," he has given more thought to the idea. He tells her to ignore the committee that has declined her idea and "... open a Reading-Room yourself. Don't talk any more about it — but do it." He recommends several people for a committee, which will provide reading material by soliciting loans of newspapers, periodicals and some books.

Mrs. Bell seems to think this isn't the most tactful approach,

and in her next letter she wants to keep searching for a way to get everyone working cooperatively, without losing the good will of the public library's founders. But meanwhile, her husband has decided to go ahead and open the reading room. Two days later he sends her a telegram:

"Gertrude Hall has been fitted up as a reading room equipped with our magazines and periodicals and has today (your birthday) been formally offered to Library Committee as a nucleus for a free public reading room for people of Baddeck. ... Many happy returns, Alec."

And, finally, his gift to her prompts this letter: "My dear: Only a few minutes for words of thanks and love. ... You are so good about the reading room. You have taken it up just as you always do things and have given it such a strong, violent push that I am sure it must go on if only by its own momentum. ... Your Mabel."

Reach librarian Julie Winkelstein at [jwinkelstein@aclib.org](mailto:jwinkelstein@aclib.org) or at the Albany Library.

## LIBRARY ACTIVITIES

In addition to ongoing book clubs, the Friends of the Albany Library also schedule special 50-cent book sales.

The next one is Sept. 18, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The library's summer-long game, "The Secret of Pi," ends Saturday.

The Albany Library, a branch of the Contra Costa County Library, is located at 1247 Marin Ave. In-

formation: 510-526-3720 ext. 20. ■■■ Readers Anonymous, the El Cerrito Library's book club, meets on the fourth Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m. Copies of the current selection are available at checkout desk.

Up next: "White Teeth," by Zadie Smith (Aug. 24) and "The Daylight Marriage" by Philip Roth

(Sept. 28).

The El Cerrito Library, a branch of the Contra Costa County Library, is located at 6510 Stockton Ave. For more information, call 510-526-7512.

■■■ Family Storytimes for all ages are held on Tuesdays at 7 p.m. (except when special programs are scheduled) at the Kensington Library.

The Kensington Library, a branch of the Contra Costa County Library, is at 61 Arlington Ave., Kensington, CA 94707-1098. Phone: 510-524-3043.

■■■ New materials have been added to the Contra Costa County Library's electronic resources. These include: TumbleBookLibrary: Story

books, puzzles, games and language learning tools that use animation and sound.

Auto Repair Reference Center: Wiring diagrams, technical service bulletins, care and repair tips, handy troubleshooting guides, and maintenance sched-

ules.

NoveList K-8: Fiction titles, lexile ratings, and links to state curriculum standards.

There also are resources for teachers and homeschoolers including curriculum guides on a wide range of topics and themes,

guides for classroom discussion, cross-curricular connections, and extension activities, book talks and more.

The electronic resources are

available from the Library's Web site, <http://www.cclib.org>.

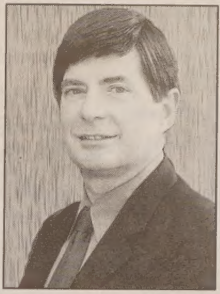
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## Tiny café serves delicious kosher eats in a big way

IT IS SUCH a tiny little café. I counted eight tables inside and, on nice days, one or two out in front. Of course, being right on Solano Avenue helps, but there had to be a reason someone would open such a small café. I had to ask.

Talking with proprietor Moti Dagan was a delight. Yes, there was a reason for opening Sophia Café in such a small place. The reason was Dagan's desire to have a restaurant that was all his. He does all the cooking and baking, but also wants to be able to talk with his patrons and maintain a friendly and open feeling.

Dagan (emphasize the "gan") says he has done all of it. The space had been a photography studio and a candy store. He had to make it a restaurant. He tells of using the sunny wood to cover the walls, even painting small sprays of flowers and leaves on the uplights. His floor is so attractive it has received many compliments. And, of course, he had to turn the back of the room into a kitchen with stoves and ovens where he can do his magic.

And his cooking is magic. He showed me a restaurant review that raved about the food. He cooks, he said, the way his mother cooks, the food made the way his mother always made it. His food is kosher, although he does not have it supervised by a rabbi. "I know kosher," he says, "and don't need anyone checking on it. It was what I grew up with."

Moti Dagan was born in Jerusalem, Israel, one of eight children. He went through school in Jerusalem, and had his mandatory four years in the service. He speaks little of his time as a soldier of Israel, but it seems to have been a very stressful and difficult four years. "I was a kid at the time of the 1967 war, but I was in the army during the war of 1971." He says little more, but his voice and face mirror memories of horror.

Leaving Israel at 24, after his military service was over, he was determined to do what he loved



CLARA-RAE GENSER  
Community Folk

best: cook, bake and serve people. He came to the United States and roamed the country, working in restaurants in Arizona, Florida, and other places. He opened his own restaurants in Chicago and in New York. Then he came to California, responding to a plea from his sister living in El Cerrito, who was lonely for family. He opened the Grand Bakery in Oakland, doing all the baking himself. But when he moved to Albany, he found a home, a place to settle down.

"I love Albany," he said more than once. "I love getting up in the morning and looking out my window to see my city stretched out before me, all the way down to the Bay."

And he loves the people here. Although all kinds of people come to the Sophia for lunch or dinner, he says, "Many of the people who come speak Hebrew, and there are few places for them to gather, eat and chat." His clientele includes both Israelis and Palestinians. "We are all friends," he says. "It is only the politicians who hate each other."

As for his food: "My mother is a great cook. I make the things she made the way she made them. Cooking and baking are what I love to do." He named his café after Sophia, the daughter of the woman he dates, and Sophia, herself, was there, an attractive young woman waiting on tables. I loved the matzo ball soup I took home for dinner.

Do you know local people, places or groups that would make good subjects for this column? Write me at 555 Pierce St., No. 443, Albany, CA 94706 or call 510-525-4585. My e-mail is crrgenser@aol.com.

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## Forum

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want to see more change in significant access to waterfront by the public then let Magna do whatever it wants. Because it will propose more development, get its slots initiative and the city will be stuck with a huge racetrack at the waterfront ...

"I think that racetrack is a hideous structure. And I think there's a lot of other things we could replace it with. That's the crux of the issue. People need to say they're against slot machines or they condemn Albany to being a gamblers' paradise on the waterfront without any control by the city."

The point of Saturday's meeting, La Force said, is to inform people why they should be opposed to the slot machine measure as well as to update residents about what's happening with the shoreline at the state and local level.

To that end, Albany City Councilman Allan Maris will give an update on the effort to build ball fields along the shoreline south of Gilman Street in Berkeley.

La Force will also discuss the East Bay Regional Park District parcel tax on the November ballot.

## FORUM

**WHAT:** Discussion on the future of the Albany shoreline, sponsored by the Sierra Club and the Citizens for the Eastshore State Park  
**WHEN:** Saturday, Aug. 14 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

**WHERE:** The Albany Community Center, 1249 Marin Ave.  
**DETAILS:** Call 510-461-4665

Hancock said other issues at the Albany waterfront include whether the Albany Bulb will become part of the Eastshore State Park or stay in the hands of the city, and whether the controversial art on the bulb stays or goes.

As for the CESP/Sierra Club plan for the waterfront, she said the decision is also in the hands of the owners of the racetrack.

"It's now a privately owned economic endeavor," Hancock said. "And I don't know what the long-term prospects are. And I imagine a lot of it hinges on what else goes on with the casinos close by, gambling as a whole in the state, gambling measures on the November ballot."

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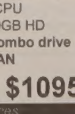
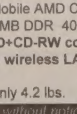
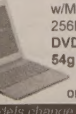
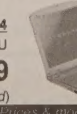
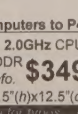
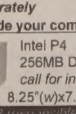
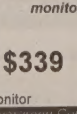
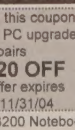
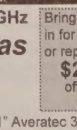
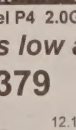
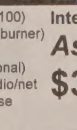
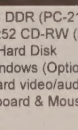
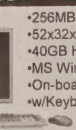
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### Citizen of the Year banquet is Aug. 21

The Albany Chamber of Commerce will honor Joan L. Albany Citizen of the Year, and Briana K'burg, Youth of the Year, on Aug. 21, at the Albany Community Center & Library (1249 Marin Avenue).

For information call the Chamber at 510-525-1771, or at: albanychamber@bigplanet.com

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# Friedman

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Friedman said he tried to bring a certain amount of humor and levity to council meetings, particularly when times were tense. In one instance, he never missed a single council meeting when I was on the council," he said.

After the letter, the El Cerrito Chamber of Commerce expressed regret over Friedman's departure.

When we wanted an economic development program going, he was the guy who literally headed it at a council level and helped us set up that task force that worked an outline for economic development program," said Sewall Gintnick, the executive director of the El Cerrito Chamber of Commerce. "He was the key guy who championed it at the council level."

Friedman tried to get along with everyone," said resident Britt Johnson. "I might disagree but Mark was disagreeable. He was a real

Friedman agrees but said Friedman's actions in the 2002 City Council race were regrettable.

There were two mailers sent out and funded by development working on projects in the

ported the third candidate in 2002, former planning commissioner Sandi Potter.

"Sandi Potter has a talent for bringing people together — finding common ground to solve problems," the letter read. "Unfortunately, the Republican agenda that Councilmember Perka embraces has been a divisive force on the City Council and creates much of the bickering and fighting that goes on there."

Perka supporters say the mailers were hit pieces that brought partisan politics to a non-partisan race. Miller said the pieces were hypocritical. While Perka is a Republican, so is Councilwoman Janet Abelson, who at the time was also running for a second term and supported by Potter and Friedman.

"The beauty is, in a negative sense, it conjures up anything you don't like about the Republican party," said Johnson. "And there's only, I don't know, 15 to 20 percent Republicans in this town."

Johnson is the husband of Councilwoman Gina Brusatori. Without Perka on the council, Brusatori has been the only dissenting vote on several controversial city issues since the last election.

The bigger problem, said Miller, was that the pieces were paid for in large part by Charlie Oewel, who at the time was trying to develop a commercial and housing project at the Del Norte BART station with the assistance of the city's redevelopment agency.

Though it was her first time

running, Potter was the top vote-getter that election, handily beating out Perka by about 1,000 votes. Abelson was the other winner for the two open seats.

After Perka's defeat, about a dozen residents blasted the council majority at several meetings for the mailers, saying election politics had sunk to a new low in the city. It led to changes in the city's election ethics policies.

Perka said she was shocked and dismayed by Friedman's letter.

"I thought we had a good working relationship," Perka said earlier this week. "Obviously he thought differently or he felt the need — maybe, I don't know — maybe he thought I had too much influence in the community and that's why they had to stoop to those levels to take me off the council."

Friedman said he wrote the letter after being approached by political consultant Kevin Reikes, who Friedman said had told him he was running an independent campaign to get Potter and Abelson elected.

"He didn't tell me who was funding it and I didn't ask," Friedman said. "Maybe I should have."

Friedman said the piece comparing Perka to Bill Simon was misleading and unnecessary —

people would have voted against Perka based on her record anyway.

However, he stands by the letter he wrote, saying it was honest and straightforward. "I did feel she was much more conservative than the electorate in El Cerrito and I'm very happy with Sandi Potter who defeated her in the election," he said. "I believe signing my name is an honorable thing and negative in terms of what her record has been, but not untrue. It was not a low blow, put it that way, like the independent piece was a low blow and I would not have done something like that."

Supporters however, are quick to point out that Perka was not necessarily a conservative force on the council. She was endorsed by left-leaning women's political groups and also had labor support, Johnson said.

As for her "divisiveness," Perka said she simply "asked questions because I think the community needed those questions asked."

Miller said the mailers were "regrettable."

"The items I've cited of disappointment are strong disappointments to me," he said. "But one of the reasons they appear as strong as they appear to me, is that I could have unfair expectations of how elected officials are supposed

to behave. I don't think they're supposed to mess around with developers."

Resident Peter Loubal was more critical. He said Friedman could be a friend — such as when he put money in the city budget for an urban forest plan, a cause championed by Loubal's wife, Rosemary. He could also be a "cut-throat" politician when it suited him.

"He's not a total loss," Peter Loubal said. "In a way we feel sorry that he had our little town get into these dirty tricks. He really dirtied the waters and in fact that reluctance for people to run (in the next election) is part of his doing, very much, in the last election. And this will continue on. And it's sad."

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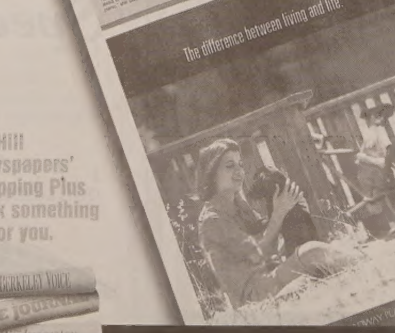
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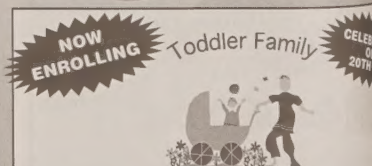
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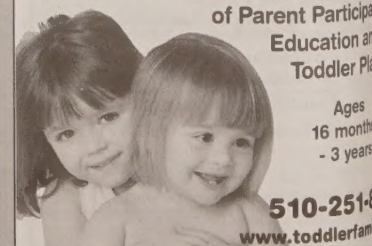
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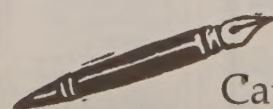
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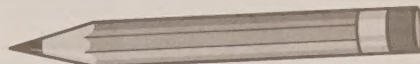
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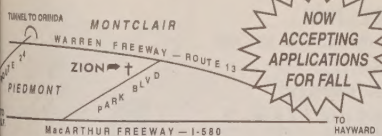
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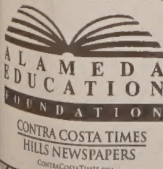
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# Sierra Club, other groups blasts Albany shoreline brochure

■ A city shoreline pamphlet fails to list several groups that have been active in establishing the Eastshore State Park

By Alan Lopez  
STAFF WRITER

ALBANY — The Sierra Club has criticized a city-sponsored

visitors guide to the Albany shoreline.

The two-page pamphlet can be found at City Hall, the city's community center and online at [www.albanyca.org](http://www.albanyca.org). It has an illustrated history of the shoreline area, ways to help protect it and lists the Web sites of several organizations where residents can learn more.

The problem is the publication omits the names of several

key local organizations, wrote Norman La Force, chairman of the Sierra Club East Bay public lands committee, in a letter to the City Council.

Those organizations are the Sierra Club, Citizens for the Eastshore State Park, the Golden Gate Audubon Society and Citizens for the Albany Shoreline. Those groups played a major role in establishing parkland on the Albany waterfront and helping

to protect the shoreline.

La Force wrote that it's a "very misleading and political brochure," and asked to meet with the city attorney and city manager to discuss what can be done to correct it.

The brochure was funded by a grant, written by resident Susan Moffat and approved by the Albany Waterfront Committee.

Moffat, the coordinator for Friends of the Albany Beach, said

she chose organizations that sponsored "stewardship" activities on the shoreline, such as clean-up days. The waterfront committee raised no objections to her list, she said.

La Force and Robert Cheasty, the president of CESP, said their organizations also sponsor stewardship activities.

"We're doing things every day for the park," Cheasty said. "To not be included just seems petty."

I don't want to say I just want to say that needs to be changed."

Judy Lieberman, who to the city administration hoped those organizations talk to the waterfront about the issues.

"I think we can do something out," Lieberman said. "I don't think there's anything to exclude anyone."

## Mall

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Indeed, Magna Entertainment pulled previous plans for the site in February following three public meetings that revealed significant community opposition. Environmental groups such as the Sierra Club and Citizens for the Eastshore State Park Plan called for a smaller project and wanted the track razed to link the land with the Eastshore State Park.

Magna's earlier project called for 300,000 square feet of commercial, retail and entertainment uses, a 300,000-square-foot event center and expanded racetrack facilities.

Moses said the latest version will be more agreeable to the community because it will be shaped from the outset largely through a planned series of community and city meetings.

"We have some thoughts that might make sense but until we get

out in the community we're not going to make any assumptions about what's acceptable and what's not," he said.

Insofar as the new project allows the track to stay put, however, Sierra Club representative Norman La Force said he remains opposed.

"There should be an amount of development that would generate a good revenue stream for the city of Albany, and the rest should be park," he said. We don't want to see the track expanded in any way."

Meanwhile, the development is raising an entirely different set of concerns in nearby Emeryville.

The prospect of a massive new retail and entertainment development just 4 miles up Highway 80 has distressed the developers of Bay Street Emeryville, a 400,000-square-foot retail and entertainment district that opened less than two years ago, according to retail sources.

Madison Marquette vice pres-

ident of development Eric Hohmann said he didn't know much about the Albany project and believes the timing is off to undertake a major new retail project at the site.

He added, however, that Madison Marquette is working to enhance the lure of Bay Street by seeking a high-end apparel department store for the vacant parcel on the north end of the project.

"It's a hedge about the possibility of a competitive project there or elsewhere in the East Bay," Hohmann said.

Emeryville city manager John Flores said Madison Marquette is negotiating with Nordstrom and Macy's.

Moses, for his part, believes there's enough demand to support Bay Street and a high-end retail project in Albany.

"This is a very densely populated area with a lot of high-income households and I think there's plenty of customers for

each project," Moses said.

Caruso Affiliated, led by President and CEO Rick Caruso, has completed a handful of Southern California mixed-used projects, including the Grove, a 575,000-square-foot retail, entertainment and dining project in Los Angeles, and the Commons at Calabasas, a 200,000-square-foot retail and entertainment center in the San Fernando Valley. The company is currently pursuing over \$1 billion in projects throughout California, including a similar mixed-use project at Santa Anita Park in Arcadia, a second Magna Entertainment-owned race track.

"Caruso has been very accepted in the past because of his visionary developments," said Christine Friskenberg of retail firm Metrovation Brokerage in Oakland. "They're typically high-end and pedestrian-friendly, so he may

be able to get a development in Albany more easily than someone without the same vision."

To do so, Caruso will have to secure City Council approval of the project's environmental report and conditional use permits. If housing or a hotel are part of the final mix, the project will also need the nod of city voters to amend zoning at the waterfront location, said Planning Manager Dave Dowsell.

So far, the city itself has not weighed in on the project.

"The City Council has been very careful not to take any position so far," Dowsell said.

"They've really committed either way, really come forward."

If the Caruso does happen, it will be another retail project near 80. Just across on the 1000 block of the city approved in July and a new track on Oct. 10.

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## First-time homebuyers face experience as greatest obstacle

BY ALAN J. HEAVENS  
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the real estate market, it sure seems like being a first-time buyer, especially if you're still on the seller's side. If your credit isn't perfect, that means you can buy a house and still have relatively low monthly payments.

For many first-time buyers, especially younger ones, have neither the money nor the resources to successfully bid for the relatively few homes that are for sale.

Even when they are savvy about exactly what they want,

they are getting shut out — sometimes more than once.

Just ask Jim Multari and Emily Dolan. They had to endure a few disappointments before they landed a house.

"We walked into our first open house and liked what we saw," said Dolan, an analyst with the Coast Guard in Philadelphia.

"When we called the real estate agent the next day and asked to see the house again, he said that there were already two offers and the owner was going to make a decision that evening.

"We liked the house, but how can you make a decision after spending just 15 minutes looking at a place?" she asked.

At the next open house, the agent told the couple that it would be wise if "we brought our checkbook with us," she said.

In this tumultuous real estate cycle, even as climbing fixed interest rates could cool the housing market, the textbook answers to frequently asked questions may not work. And they haven't worked for a while.

Just ask Bruce Hopper, who, with his wife, Lynne, bought a first house in Philadelphia in June 2000.

"We started looking in the Art Museum (area) and pretty quickly found what we thought was the perfect house," said Hopper, a fellow in sports medicine at Thomas Jefferson University Hospital in Philadelphia.

They had set a ceiling of \$200,000. They were outbid quickly for a house listed at that price.

"When that happens, you have an intense feeling of panic, fear and anxiety," Hopper said. "You can't hang on to that feeling for long, because there are other houses and other opportunities, and you have to move on them."

They did find a place, a recently rehabbed for-sale-by-owner. Last year, they sold that house and bought a much larger house nearby, because they had added Jane, now 2, to the mix in the meantime.

"It was a lot easier the second time around," Hopper said.

## Some tips for first-timers

Before you look, consider these factors

BY ALAN J. HEAVENS  
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Where do you want to live? Factors that might affect your choice of location are schools if you have children, and proximity to your job, to shopping, and to public transportation (if you use it). What kind of house do you want? How many bedrooms? What style of architecture? How much will suit you if you like to garden — or if you want to be relatively free from property maintenance?

Make a list of these, among others, and establish priorities. Can your budget handle a

house? Conventional wisdom suggests that expenses associated with shelter should be no more than 33 percent of your monthly gross salary.

But 33 percent might be too generous; for example, if one partner in a two-paycheck family loses his or her job. Mortgage payments should be small enough to be kept current by one paycheck.

Can you get a mortgage? Long-term debts can complicate matters. Because financing is tied to your credit history, order a credit report from one of the national reporting agencies to see whether there is something

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## Real Estate Spotlight:

### Oakland home echoes past creation



In 1995, architect Allan Sayles designed his exceptional Upper Rockridge home with sweeping views of San Francisco Bay, and a large, level private backyard bordering Lake Temescal Regional Park. The current owners endeavored to replicate the original Edwin Lewis-Snyder-designed home lost in the 1991 Oakland hills fire. E.L. (Lew) Snyder was a popular architect in the 1920s and 1930s known for creating comfortable period revival homes in Berkeley, Rockridge and Crocker Highlands. The original house was on the Oakland Heritage Alliance's list of architecturally significant homes. The new Tudor home with Craftsman details exhibits the Old World charm, quality and architectural distinctiveness of the original while incorporating modern amenities and construction integrity. Features include: four-plus bedrooms; three and one-half baths; a living room with a fireplace and cathedral ceiling; formal dining room; delightful breakfast room; custom kitchen; master bedroom suite; private front patio; brick, copper and wood accents; Arroyo Craftsman Mission light fixtures; custom leaded glass windows; hardwood floors; plus rooms for home office and gym; spacious recreation room with stone fireplace, bar and outside access; fabulous backyard with brick patio, decorative pond and fountain, and mature landscaping.

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One thing is certain: He or she who hesitates is lost.

"It used to be enough for buyers to be prequalified for a mortgage before you took them to look at houses," said Christopher J. Artur, owner of Artur Real Estate in Mayfair, Penn.

"Then, as the market heated up, we suggested that they be preapproved," he said. "Now, first-time buyers should have a written commitment from a lender before we start looking."

A mortgage commitment is a written notice from the lender say-

ing that it will advance funds in a specified amount to enable a buyer to purchase a house.

If, for example, you have a piece of paper in hand that says the lender will give you up to \$300,000

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## First Time

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to buy a house, it will not only help your agent narrow down the list of properties to look at, it will give you a competitive edge if there are other prospective bidders.

So what's all this about not being able even to apply for a mortgage until you have decided on a property and signed an agreement of sale?

Not true, said Fred Glick, president of USLoans.net in Philadelphia. "It's just semantics," he said.

"You as a first-time buyer ask your relatives or coworkers for the names of a couple of reliable lenders. You contact the lenders, tell them what you're going to put down, and provide them with the information they need."

"Then they run the numbers through the Freddie Mac Loan Prospector (an automated underwriting service) or similar systems and get a commitment, subject to an appraisal and the agreement of sale," he said.

This is also possible with subprime loans for people with bad credit, he said.

A lot of first-time buyers are un-

comfortable giving virtual strangers details about their finances. But if you are not forthcoming, you will likely suffer the consequences.

By the way, prequalification - simply knowing how much mortgage you can get - is history.

"That's all we had going into the process," Dolan said. "We were told really quickly that we needed to be preapproved for a mortgage to successfully compete against other bidders."

That is the situation in the conventional-mortgage market, where the loan is not guaranteed by a government agency.

But a lot of first-time buyers depend on FHA or VA mortgages, and when they hit the bricks looking for a house, they find that the paperwork involved can shut them out.

John Yerkes and his wife, Patricia, with preapproval for a VA mortgage, found doors to a lot of houses in Northeast Philadelphia closed to them because listing agents had told the sellers that the mortgage came with too many requirements.

"It was really disappointing," Yerkes said. "There were a lot of houses that we wanted, but they wouldn't even talk to us because of the VA mortgage."

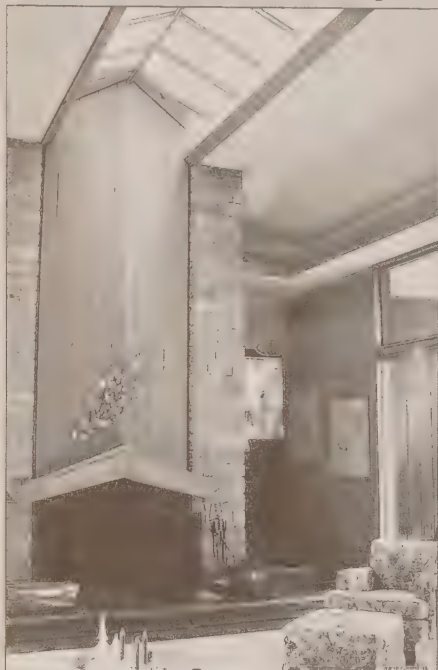
They finally bought a for-sale-by-owner house for \$95,000, for which there was no competition from other buyers.

"I don't know where the agents get their ideas about these mortgages," said Mike Albert, an appraiser based in New Hope, Penn. "I mean, sure, FHA loans require a home inspection, but a home inspector working for buyers with a conventional loan is bound to find the same things wrong."

Do not forgo the home inspection, Artur said. Just make sure you get it done quickly.

### Real Estate Focus:

## Unique sanctuary in Oakland's Redwood Heights



In 1957, a young couple purchased an incredible 1.48-acre parcel on a Jordan Road cul-de-sac in Oakland's Redwood Heights neighborhood. They commissioned architect Warren Callister, designer of the chapel at Mills College, to create a house for themselves and two children that matched the majesty of its surroundings. Callister incorporated features on the Knudsons' wish list: natural light from walls of glass; high, vaulted ceilings and skylights; a level yard (visible from the family room) for the children; abundant storage; a floor plan perfect for a family and entertaining; floor-to-ceiling blonde mahogany in most of the home; random plank oak flooring; a dramatic, floor-to-ceiling stone fireplace in the massive living room; a master suite at the end of the bedroom wing; three bedrooms; a library; and three full baths.

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## Tips

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that could tie up your financing or result in a rejection. Take care of the problem.

Are you willing to share confidential information? If you aren't, your real estate agent will not be able to show you the houses you can afford or help you find a financing package that meets your needs.

Can you get homeowners' insurance? Shop around before you buy. A lot of deals are being derailed by insurers' increased scrutiny not only of buyers but also of sellers. A black mark on either side of the table can cancel a policy.

Most real estate agents believe that first-time buyers with the deepest knowledge of both the process and the market have the best chance of getting the houses they want.

"They have to be serious from the start," said Christopher J. Ryan of Prudential Fox & Roach in Philadelphia.

Ryan once took a seminar titled, "Buy From Me Now or Get Out of My Car."

The seminar leader was not being rude. "There are just too many people who have no idea what they want when they call you, and you don't want to waste your time," he said.

"This is not a market for procrastinators," Ryan said. "You need to have as much information as you can to get the house that you want."

When first-time buyers come to see Ryan, he tells them to do their homework: Decide where they want to live, how much they are willing to spend, and what they want in a house.

Then spend the next two or three Sundays going to open houses to see what is on the market. And if you see what you like, don't skimp on the deposit.

"If there are five people who want to buy the house, the person with the biggest deposit will show the sellers that he or she is serious about it," Artur said.

After an often-frustrating search over the better part of a year, Dolan and Multari, a market researcher who works in Media, Pa., settled on a house in Montgomery County, Penn., that offered a convenient commute.

"Once we found it, things went very fast," she said, with inspections completed within four days of the agreement of sale. They closed on the house in early June.

"We really liked the house," Dolan said. "Jim is all excited because he has a lawn to cut, which is something he really wanted."

While they have settled in for the long haul, Dolan is not ruling out trading up somewhere down the road.

"We've learned a lot," she said, "and we have a far greater grasp of the process than when we started."

**This week's Open Home Guide starts on B20.**

## 'Going steady' your agent

How long have you been "going" with your agent? Three months? Six months? A year or more? During the past three or four years, many buyers have, by necessity, formed a longer, closer relationship with their Realtor than they ever could have imagined.

**Market history:** Buying a house seems like it should be fairly straightforward: You work with an agent, have him or her find you a home, you make an offer and, about 30 days later, you are a homeowner. In either a normal market or a buyer's market, that is what happens; however, since January 1997, our area has been in a seller's market.

Prior to that, such a condition would have lasted no more than three years. To put this in perspective, less than half the Realtors active today were in the business when this seller's market began.

Today, all price categories are at record levels and there still is competitive bidding, including those in the \$1 million-dollar-plus level. Of course, the more "affordable" ranges tend to have the fiercest bidding battles. For some, this translates as up to \$400,000, to others, \$700,000.

Regardless, most buyers can anticipate a skirmish for the home of their choice. They tend to make numerous offers before being successful. Some have made 12 or more attempts before finally achieving a ratified contract. Although this amount of offers is not unusual, it is draining on both the buyer and his agent.

**Getting involved:** As of today, the longest I have been working with a current buyer is a year, and we are still looking. The shortest is several weeks, but this couple was referred to me after a number of unsuccessful offers with someone else.

Before I commit to representing buyers, we have a long talk in my office about the process. I explain that I do not look for a quick sale to attempt to "get them off my list." On the contrary, I take whatever time is necessary to help them buy a house that makes sense for them. This may take a while.

It usually means, I point out, that we will have a close relationship. My buyers say they speak with me more often than most people in their lives. This is the kind of involvement buyers do not expect until I clarify market reality. Even repeat buyers are surprised at how long it can take.

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Because of the commitment on my part to approve a "Buyer's Agreement" with me, it affirms responsibilities and a them and myself. (See "Representation Makes Sense" Web site, [www.eastbay-realtor.com](http://www.eastbay-realtor.com).)

**Choosing a Realtor:** want to select someone comfortable with and, nonetheless, a warm, fuzzy, the agent is not enough. Ability may be important.

Being likeable may not be being proficient at understanding purchases and pleasing personality. The lack of negotiating skills, edge of the local area, relationship with an agent, both personable and professionalism is primary.

takes the time, at the time, to listen to what you is your opportunity to ask questions about his background and expertise. (See "Interview Agents" on my Web site.)

**Making adjustments:** time they are successful search, most of my buyers made adjustments to

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### LANDLORDS

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made of lattice painted white. The result is clean, crisp lines with a forever-in-style feel. Would such a thing work on this house?

Sometimes houses have been mucked up by remodeling. Someone has installed a large aluminum slider window in a most prominent spot? Think. Windows can be replaced. That unattractive window in the living room can be wooden again, can be divided in any pattern, the parts can swing open.

You're going to need to get prices for your ideas. You may want to get design advice too. These can be had. All I want to do is make you more aware, get you to think while you look instead of floating through houses waiting for the one that captures you entirely.

There are so many elements to consider when choosing a house to buy. Your brain will be very busy considering them all. But if you will try to add the ability to see what can fairly easily be removed and what can be added, you will have a fantastic advantage over other buyers.

I do not want to talk you into taking on something major here. Few people should buy a house that is sliding down a hill, and maybe you do not want to do over a kitchen either. I am talking about houses that have been personalized by their owners — owners whose taste is not yours — owners who didn't rent

a storage space for half their things, who maybe didn't paint or clean or mow. Some of these houses are really good houses.

So prep yourself. Look at home magazines. Start thinking about the kinds of things that can be done to a house. Some are big and expensive, but many are not. You may not know, for instance, never having had occasion to learn this, that hardwood floor people can work miracles.

It is perfectly possible, and not terribly expensive, to remove a stained section of wood flooring and replace it so it looks exactly as it should. Or, in fact, to add a wood floor where one does not now exist.

Even replacing that short bearing wall between the kitchen and breakfast room is not too bad. The contractor will put in a beam to support the weight. You will have to contend with patching the plaster and providing for flooring where the wall once stood, but these are not impossible.

When you do see those few "model homes," notice what makes them so appealing. What exactly has been done? Chances are that much of what you are finding so pleasing is one or all of these clean, spare and white.

Can you provide these in another house without going crazy in the process? Is the other house located where you'd really like to be? Is it cheaper? You can win big by seeing better.

Pat Talbert and Anet Tarpoff are residential real estate agents who can be reached at 653-2050 and at [www.tarpoffandtalbert.com](http://www.tarpoffandtalbert.com).

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### REAL ESTATE IN THE 21st CENTURY

Real estate professionals are wondering what the 21st Century Realtor will look like. Without having the exact answer to that question, Top Realtors are committed to setting the trends that others will follow.

Conventional real estate wisdom has always claimed that the three biggest influences on buyers are — location, location and location. Current trends show a shift toward value as regards both buyers and sellers. Buyers are concerned about getting the best house for their money, while sellers want to get top dollar for their home — and both want the best service from their real estate professionals. Realtors today are offering a wider range of personalized services to meet clients' needs. They are investing in technological innovations that will help them do a better job of marketing listings, such as computer programs that help them price homes, keep track of buyers, develop plans of action, and organize their business — all on a tiny laptop! The Realtor's emphasis over the last 10 years has been on finding ways to increase the quality of their service in negotiating transactions. This means that it will only get better for the real estate consumer.

Vickie Robinson and Aleso Gourhan are Bay Area natives and both are top producers for Prudential California Realty.

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**OPEN SAT & SUN 1-4**  
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**OPEN SUNDAY 2-5**  
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**OPEN SUNDAY 2-4**  
24892-24894 SECOND ST., HAYWARD, LAND VALLEY. 2 houses and lots of land. Each home has 2 bedrooms and a double detached garage. \$850,000. Holly Kang, 510-748-1196.

**OPEN SAT & SUN 2-4**  
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**Jane Allen** 524-9888 x23 \$925,000

**2128 Funston Place, Oakland (Oakmore Area)**  
Open Sunday 2:00 - 5:00  
Gorgeous Mediterranean on almost 1/4 acre. Prof. landscaped bkyd w/rock outcroppings, beaut. flagstone patio & large trees in a park-like setting. 4 lg bdrms, 3 baths, liv. rm, din. rm, fam. rm, 3 frpls, sep. laundry & gar. Cherry & oak flrs, Anderson windows & doors, original tiled frpl w/mahogany mantel & alabaster sconces, 2 mstr suites, patios, decks & views.  
**Chris Ehlers-Hardie** 524-9888 x22 \$779,000

**1823 Highland Place (off Hearst), Berkeley**  
Open Sunday, 2:00 - 4:00  
Beautiful, charming and spacious 2 bdrm, 1.5 bath T.I.C. Townhouse in coveted N. Berkeley. Hardwood floors, attached garage, laundry room, formal dining area, sun-filled and more! Seconds to N. campus, BART, Gourmet Ghetto, and other quaint stores and cafes. Located in a 2-unit building, it really feels like a home!  
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**Lots**

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Gorgeous, gently down-sloping lot on a street full of expensive homes, in one of Berkeley's most prestigious neighborhoods. Views of the G.G. Bridge and the S.F. Bay, across from John Hinkel Park, & minutes to Solano Ave. shops.  
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# Climb the ladder to successful bond investing

diversifying your portfolio, increasing income and possibly reducing volatility to your portfolio are just a few of the reasons to invest in bonds. Choosing the best bond investment strategy can sometimes be tricky.

Whether you are a seasoned investor or have just bought a bond, a laddering strategy can help reduce volatility by concentrating reinvestment in your portfolio.

Let us look at how bonds work. When you purchase a bond, you are essentially making a loan to the issuer. In return, the issuer will pay you interest on your money. When the bond reaches maturity, the issuer repays you the principal amount of the bond. Now that you have the principal, let us look at a strategy you can possibly apply to your portfolio.

Begin with a bond laddering strategy. You purchase equal dollar amounts of bonds with differ-

ent maturities. For example, let's assume you have \$50,000 to invest. You can create a laddered portfolio by investing \$10,000 each in bonds that would mature in 2006, 2008, 2010, 2012 and 2014.

When the first bond reaches maturity in 2006, you would take the principal that you receive, which is typically the face or maturity value of the bond (\$10,000) and reinvest it in bonds that mature in 2016. You would continue this system of reinvestment each time your bonds come due.

A strategy that concentrates in a narrow maturity range might force an investor to reinvest into a very low interest rate environment. In contrast, a laddering strategy lets you reinvest gradually, maintaining a portfolio of bonds earning different interest rates.

Assume the first bond in which you invested has reached maturity and it is time to reinvest the principal. If market interest rates are currently higher than the



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coupon on the maturing bond, you will probably be able to reinvest the principal at a higher rate of interest.

Conversely, if interest rates are lower, you most likely still have a significant portion of your bond portfolio - those that have not yet matured - invested at higher coupon rates.

The interest or coupon rates associated with bonds are important because one of the main reasons many people invest in them is to generate income.

Most bonds pay interest semi-annually, so in the example above you could select bonds that made payments in different months of the year. This would provide you with steady income throughout the year that could cover living expenses.

Bonds can be a good choice for providing diversity and adding income to your portfolio. If you are looking for a simple and systematic approach to investing in them, you might want to think about using a laddering strategy. Talk to your financial consultant about risks associated with investing in bonds and see if they might be a good addition to your investment mix.

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Bernard Maybeck 1862-1957 Palace of Arts San Francisco  
**Architecture USA 18c**

THIS 18-CENT POSTAGE STAMP paid tribute to Bernard Maybeck and featured his 1915 creation, the Palace of Fine Arts. It was one in a series of four 1981 stamps that honored American architecture.

## Maybeck and his Palace of Fine Arts coming to Alameda

THE ALAMEDA MUSEUM

The Alameda Museum, 2324 Alameda Ave. (near Park Street) in Alameda presents "Bernard Maybeck and the Secrets of the Palace" by Gray Brechin, Ph.D., 7 p.m., Thursday, Aug. 26.

Brechin is the author of "Farewell Promised Land: Waking from the California Dream" and "Imperial San Francisco: Urban Power, Earthly Ruin," both published by the University of California Press.

Maybeck is heralded as "one of the greatest originals of Ameri-

Brechin will show slides of Maybeck's life and work with emphasis on the reconstruction of the Palace of Fine Arts in the 1960s.

can architecture, both independent and visionary," according to New York Times architectural critic Paul Goldberger.

During his lifetime Maybeck was regarded as a "crank and a dreamer," yet he has left a heroic legacy of great buildings, including the First Church of Christ Science in Berkeley, the Hearst Memorial on the U.C. Berkeley

campus, the general plan for Mills college and many residences.

His most beloved structure is the Palace of Fine Arts, part of the 1915 Panama Pacific Exposition, which was held in San Francisco's Marina District. Maybeck built the palace as a temporary

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## Realtor presents a pair of August seminars

The first is on tap

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During the importance of education to our clients, a team of Real Estate professionals, including Pacific Dimacali, Dave Hinkel, Joe LoParo, Mariani and Mila Nakpil, will present seminars to help you understand the importance of education in real estate. The seminars are free, there is no obligation in attending and they cover a wide range of subjects pertaining to real estate. Pacific Dimacali said, "We are excited to be joined together because we

"value the importance of good information to help Buyers make informed decisions."

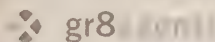
Mar explains that "Real Estate is one of the major purchases in life. As such it is important to have good information to help plan wisely."

There are two seminars planned for August. "Buying Your First Home" will be held tomorrow from 10:30 am to 1 pm at Wells Fargo Bank, Oakland City Center, 1221 Broadway.

There will also be a seminar on 1031 exchanges focusing on how to preserve your assets held on Thursday, Aug. 26 from 7 to 8:30 pm at the Gallagher & Lindsey office at 2424 Central Ave. in Alameda. Call 510-865-4192.

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#242 - Spacious 3 bdrm Walker built "Gem" home in sought after neighborhood. Just two blocks from Plaza & BART. Offers large level lot, attached garage, dual pane windows  
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**728 Gelston Place, El Cerrito**  
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# Maybeck

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structure, but the building proved so enchanting that it remained standing after the rest of the fair was razed.

Even as Classicism fell out of favor and the palace moldered into ruins, mayors found that they risked political suicide if they suggested demolition.

Brechin will show slides of Maybeck's life and work with emphasis on the reconstruction of the palace in the 1960s, a historic preservation effort of the same major proportions as the rescue of the historic Alameda High School.

The museum opens at 6:30 p.m.; come early to save a seat, see the show in the contemporary art gallery, enjoy the historical exhibits and visit the gift shop. Admission is free for museum members; \$5 for nonmembers. For information leave a message at 510-748-0796.

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## WEEKLY SALES

### ALAMEDA

1843 8th St - \$425,000  
2053 Alameda Av - \$660,000  
15 Argus Ct - \$650,000  
102 Bannister Wy - \$480,000  
9 Captains Dr - \$694,000

2801 Central Av - \$749,000  
1354 Court St - \$650,000  
46 Crane Ct - \$655,000  
19 Damon Ct - \$526,000  
2047 Eagle Av - \$625,000  
3231 Fernside A - \$649,000  
3260 Garfield Av - \$610,000

418 Haight Av A - \$550,000  
824 Pacific Av - \$469,000  
1239 Pease Ct - \$350,000  
1144 Post St - \$540,000  
157 Sea Berg - \$835,000  
955 S'point Ct 311 - \$255,000  
21 Souza Ct - \$780,000

1 Weiss Ct - \$95

### ALBANY

1042 Neilson St - \$95

See SALES

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6077 Dublin Avenue, Montclair

OPEN SUNDAY 2-4:30. Light-filled two plus bedroom, one and one half bath, single level home on a quiet street. Living room with wall-to-ceiling windows and fireplace, cozy family room with stone fireplace, detached home office and level front and rear lawns.

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6374 SUNNYMERE



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**NEW LISTING!**  
Open Sun 2-4:30

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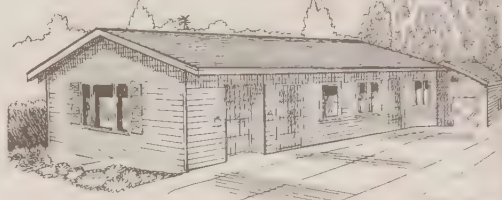
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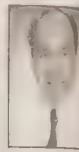
**NEW LISTING!**

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### BERKELEY



600 ALVARADO RD. OPEN SUN 2-4:30PM \$1,250,000  
New Listing! Wonderful contemporary with great bay views. 4 BR / 3.5 BA plus in law setup. Formal dining. Living room with fireplace, elevator, and much more. Almost 4,000 sq. ft.  
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19 VILLANOVA LN. OPEN SUN 2-4:30PM \$899,000  
New Listing. Dramatic 4 BR / 2 BA contemporary w/ "Art Deco" views. Views, Views, Views! SF, Golden Gate, pano. bay vista from No. to So. Elegant, dramatic home with open-air living room, formal dining, 3+ BR / 2 BA. Fenced yard. Family room, 2 fireplaces.  
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### MONTCLAIR



6812 SARONI DRIVE OPEN SUN 1:30-4:30PM \$510,000  
New Listing. Dramatic 4 BR / 2 BA contemporary w/ "Art Deco" Hardwood + tile. Gas kit. Dining area. Tranquil valley view. master suite. Fireplace. Attached garage. 4 min. to Montclair.  
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### PIEDMONT PINES



575 OAKES OPEN SUN 2-4:30PM \$539,000  
Magnificent 3+ BR / 2 BA Mediterranean! Dramatic living room w/ vaulted ceilings and striking fireplace. Spacious formal dining room w/ decorative arched nooks. Family room. Within walking distance to dining, shops, and transportation.  
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3216 COURTLAND AVE. OPEN SUN 2-4:30PM \$479,000  
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2830 MORGAN AVE. OPEN SUN 2-4:30PM \$439,000  
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LAKE MERRITT  
Art Deco landmark on Lake Merritt. 1 BR / 1 BA spacious corner floor. Wood-burning fireplace, formal dining room, and huge lot in closet. Includes a 24-hour doorman / valet services.  
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PIEDMONT OPEN SUN 2-4:30PM \$799,000  
140 ARBOR DRIVE  
Piedmont traditional on a lovely tree-lined street. This 3 BR / 1.5 BA home features a gourmet kitchen and updated baths. Walking distance to all schools K-12. Great flow for entertaining.  
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BERKELEY OPEN SUN 2-4:30PM \$599,500  
1911 Stuart St.  
Great split level. 4 BR / 2.5 BA. Includes formal dining room. Family room. Master bedroom. Convenient location.  
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### Distinguished Home of the Week • PIEDMONT PINES



6595 Longwalk Drive

Private verdant outlooks from this recently remodeled high style contemporary. Four bedrooms, two baths. Unusually large kitchen with eating area. Formal dining, family room, and office. Fenced yard.

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\$765,000

OAKLAND / MONTCLAIR \$400,000  
Own a piece of the pie! Great opportunity to develop 1-4 lots with 2500 sq. ft. of land. Downhill slope. Million \$ + neighborhood. Near Skyline and Lake Merritt.  
Cindy Boze (510) 339-8900

BERKELEY OPEN SUN 2-5PM \$510,000  
1515 Ashby Ave.  
Diamond in the Rough. Built in 1895. Solid house, granite countertops, loving touches, much orig. details intact. Wonderful yard. Low pest report.  
Anida Weyl (510) 339-8900

OAKLAND  
Spectacular oppy. to live or build in coveted Hiller neighborhood. 7594 sq. ft. Downslope. Beautiful, tranquil view of canyon. Upscale / established neighborhood. Sold as is.  
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## PIEDMONT - OPEN SUNDAY 2 - 4:30



**165 INDIAN ROAD \$1,795,000**  
A very glamorous traditional home sited on over one quarter of an acre. Garden w/inviting swimming pool. Kitchen/family room. Three spacious bedrooms and an office. Easy indoor/outdoor living. Anian Pettit Tunney

**778 KINGSTON AVENUE \$1,499,000**  
In the same family for 50 yrs. this treasured home has original leaded windows, coved ceilings and handsome architecture, 4BR/2.5BA, library & level lawn. Erika Celestre

**8 MANOR DRIVE \$1,385,000**  
Charming Piedmont traditional. Inviting formal rooms. Wonderful family room. Eat-in kitchen. 4BR/2.5BA. Level garden, patio + play area. J. Roach/H. Buty



**67 WILDWOOD AVENUE \$1,095,000**  
A very special prairie-style 4BR/2.5BA home w/ lovely Craftsman finishes throughout. Ideally located on a quiet, tree-lined street, and only steps away from shops & restaurants. Steve Michaelides

## OAKLAND - OPEN SUNDAY 2 - 4:30

**1015 GRAND VIEW DRIVE \$2,190,000**  
Urban sophistication! Stunning contemporary w/Bay Views in verdant canyon setting. 5BR/4.5BA. Stunning! Fabulous kitchen/family room, private au pair, master retreat with views! Anne Feste



**40 KINGWOOD ROAD \$699,000**  
Quality built home in a beautiful setting w/an open floorplan. Well-maintained. Spacious living room w/ vaulted ceilings & fireplace. Family room. Large master suite. 3BR/2.5BA. Mary Merrick

**68 TEMPLAR PLACE \$699,000**  
A delightful Upper Rockridge Cape Cod traditional with updated kitchen and baths. 3BR/2BA. Perfect cul-de-sac location. Plus room for office, storage or wine cellar. Play yard, patio and fruit trees. Sandra Vogl

**3846 BEAUMONT AVENUE \$650,000**  
New Price! Feast your eyes on this lovely 3+BR/2BA brown shingle home w/original Craftsman details. Walnut hardwood floors, stained glass accent windows & beautiful built-in cabinetry. Mavis Delacroix



**2594 LEIMERT BLVD. \$599,000**  
A sweet and spacious shingled cottage with a separate non-conforming in-law on a very large, wonderful woody property. Close to Montclair Village. Ruth Frassetto

**7201 SARONI DRIVE \$599,000**  
Sun-drenched & charming in Montclair. Affordable 3BR/2BA w/updated kitchen & baths. Level out deck & rear garden. Great value. Elizabeth Dickson

**780 CARLSTON AVENUE \$595,000**  
Charming Crocker 3BR/1BA traditional with lovely hardwood floors, cozy fireplace, private lot across from beautiful park! Steve Michaelides



**1193 TRESTLE GLEN ROAD \$1,095,000**  
Style & elegance in this beautifully updated Crocker Highlands showplace. Graceful living, formal dining, pristine new kitchen, high-end finishes new family room, adjacent level garden & patio. 4BR/2.5BA. Judith Cain



**8205 SKYLINE CIRCLE \$869,000**  
Spacious three-year-old home offers an open floor plan, privacy, high-end finishes, landscaped grounds & beautiful views. Hardwood floors, granite, stainless, Jacuzzi. 3BR, + library/office & family room, 2.5BA. Sherry Benninger

**75 STARVIEW DRIVE \$749,000**  
A sophisticated Hiller Highlands townhouse! 3BR/2.5BA, private patio, & South Bay view! Hardwood floor in kitchen; granite counters; master suite w/fireplace. Great amenities & Highlands Club membership! Tricia Swift



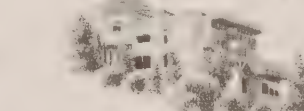
**5077 DUBLIN AVENUE \$649,000**  
Charming California ranch situated on a quiet Montclair street w/level front & rear gardens. This light-filled home has 2BR/1.5BA, living room & family room each w/ fireplace & detached studio. Dana Cohen



**3937 GREENWOOD AVE. \$579,000**  
Darling Glenview bungalow. Tiled walkway w/fountain & garden leads to open living area. Bonus room & dining room. Large master bedroom downstairs. Remodeled kitchen opens to sunny deck. Hope Broderick

**62 SERENO CIRCLE \$579,000**  
Visualize home ownership! Now you can with this dramatic 2BR/2+BA brown shingle contemporary townhome. Bettina Balestrieri

## BERKELEY - OPEN SUNDAY 2 - 4:30



**7089 NORFOLK ROAD \$1,695,000**  
Million dollar views from this sophisticated Claremont Hills contemporary. Gracious terraces open to the view & overlook the Mediterranean garden. 3BR/3BA + library. Spectacular by day, Dramatic by night. Anne Van Dyke

**769 ALVARADO ROAD \$995,000**  
Beautifully updated Mediterranean above the Claremont Hotel! Bay view, sunny decks, magical entry courtyard. 3BR/2.5BA, formal dining, family room/office w/separate entry. Bebe McRae



**616 VISTAMONT AVENUE \$875,000**  
Pastoral retreat. One level living on approximately 1/3 acres w/views of Tilden Park. Completely updated & ready to move in. Formal dining room, family room & 3+BR/2BA. Ronald Eggherman

**1841 BERRYMAN STREET \$795,000**  
An exquisite example of the warmth of the Arts & Crafts style, this 3BR/2BA home features a bright, architect-designed eat-in kitchen. Magical rear garden. Close to the Gourmet Ghetto, Solano Ave., BART. Nacio Brown



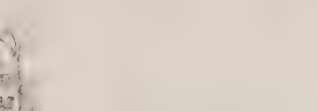
**1115 COWPER STREET \$569,000**  
A perfect fusion of modern architecture & Old World charm. Loft-like ceilings with skylights throughout. Master suite & kitchen open to large private deck and lush gardens. Close to shops & restaurants. Jill Carrigan

**2029 CHANNING WAY #2E \$395,000**  
Very light & spacious condominium with private deck. Secure building, off street parking & close to downtown, University of California campus & BART. Animals permitted. Diane Verducci

## PIEDMONT - BY APPOINTMENT



**PIEDMONT BEAUTY \$4,650,000**  
Elegant & gracious English style home w/beautiful large-scale formal rooms updated kitchen/family room & beautiful grounds. 6BR/5+BA. Master suite w/fireplace. Bay views. Mindy Scott



**PIEDMONT VIEW HOME \$999,000**  
Enjoy the ease of entertaining in this near level custom-built 3BR/2BA home located in Piedmont. Hand-crafted copper fireplace, beautiful Bay view and tranquil garden patio. Mavis Delacroix

## OAKLAND - BY APPOINTMENT



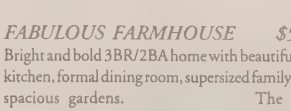
**LASALLE ESTATES \$2,598,000**  
Elegant new traditional in LaSalle Estates (gated) w/ panoramic Bay views. 5BR/5.5BA, library, family room, expansive terraces, knockout master bathroom w/fireplace. Adjacent lot also available. Debra J. Dryden

**NEW RIDGEMONT HOME \$2,259,000**  
Brand new & stunning. Panoramic Bay views, courtyard w/Koi pool, grassy yard, exquisite designer finishes & elegant open spaces. 4BR/3.5BA. Debra Dryden



**MEDITERRANEAN VILLA \$1,650,000**  
A timeless masterpiece by John Malick, 4BR/3.5BA, au pair space, chef's kitchen/family room combo, level grounds and Bay views. Kurt Buchholz

**UPPER ROCKRIDGE \$1,350,000**  
Imagine having all the room you will ever need. You can in this spacious 6+BR/4+BA upper Rockridge contemporary home. Mavis Delacroix



**FABULOUS FARMHOUSE \$549,000**  
Bright and bold 3BR/2BA home with beautiful gourmet kitchen, formal dining room, supersized family room and spacious gardens. The Ratcliffes

**LAKESIDE LIVING \$519,000**  
Lovely end unit in desirable Lakeside building w/large balcony overlooking Lake Merritt. 3BR/2BA, spacious living room, formal dining room, sunny eat-in kitchen. Luxury living w/24 hr. doorman. Nancy Lehrkind

**SPACIOUS CONDOMINIUM \$275,000**  
Spacious 1BR/1BA corner unit. Updated kitchen, new windows & sliding doors to deck off bedroom. Terrific location close to shops, restaurants & theatre. Dana Cohen

## BERKELEY & POINT RICHMOND - BY APPOINTMENT



**BERKELEY LANDMARK \$3,450,000**  
This beautiful Mediterranean home by renowned architect Julia Morgan. Exquisite details throughout. 6+BR/5+BA, + carriage house apartment & secluded garden. Located close to the Claremont Resort. A Van Dyke & A. Tunney



**MEDITERRANEAN \$1,475,000**  
This beautiful Mediterranean in the coveted Thousand Oaks neighborhood offers splendid Bay views, 4BR/3BA, exceptional kitchen/family room opening to a private patio. Two car garage & level entry. Bebe McRae



**BERKELEY CRAFTSMAN \$795,000**  
Two units in North Berkeley's most coveted neighborhood. Main level 3BR, formal dining & Bay views. Lower level, 1BR, 2nd kitchen, separate entry. Close to shops & parks. Bebe McRae



**ONE-OF-A-KIND \$1,995,000**  
Deep water dock! Bay & SF views from every room. Dramatic open floorplan. 3BR/2.5BA, office, loft, spacious decks and attached garage. One-of-a-kind! Bebe McRae

**CLAREMONT HILLS \$1,950,000**  
A masterful work-of-art blending old & new w/ outstanding Bay views! 5BR/4BA, family room, home office, garden & hot tub! Beautiful location. Bebe McRae



**ENGLISH COUNTRY \$1,445,000**  
English landmark in the Berkeley Hills! Finely detailed inside & out with views! Au pair apartment, library, sunroom, terraces, 4+BR/4+BA. F. Keogh/P. Templeton

**SEVEN UNITS NEAR UC \$995,000**  
This older charming building has a gross income of more than \$102,000 and offers great proximity to Berkeley's UC. Campus. Bebe McRae



**BERKELEY CRAFTSMAN \$750,000**  
A lovely Craftsman with original details. 3BR/2.5BA, formal dining room, sunny garden, basement and partial view. This home is in great condition! Bebe McRae

**BERKELEY LOT \$450,000**  
Value in great mature Berkeley neighborhood. Upslope lot. Many options. Approved plans available & can build to suit. Carolyn Jones

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## Sales

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535 Pierce St 2103 - \$384,000  
1010 Pomona Av - \$588,000  
832 Washington Av - \$640,000

## BERKELEY

1329 Ashby Av - \$382,000  
2808 Ashby Av - \$750,000  
139 Del Mar Av - \$680,000  
1639 Dwight Wy - \$434,000  
5 Forest Ln - \$1,496,000  
3024 Fulton St - \$850,000  
2804 Grant St - \$625,000  
1523 Hearst Av - \$574,000  
1221 Hopkins St - \$414,000  
2434 MLK Jr Wy - \$525,000  
2421 McKinley Av - \$635,000  
2141 Oregon St 5 - \$451,000  
336 Panoramic - \$1,450,000  
809 San Diego Rd - \$1,015,000  
45 Senior Av - \$862,000  
1734 Sonoma Av - \$880,000  
1442 Stannage Av - \$481,000  
1301 Talbot Av - \$495,000  
42 The Uplands - \$1,220,000  
1012 Wildcat Cyn - \$900,000

## EL CERRITO

116 Behrens St - \$491,000  
1001 Everett St - \$410,000  
510 Everett St - \$600,000  
1234 Liberty St - \$390,000  
7564 Terrace Dr - \$1,000,000

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403 Vista Heights - \$400,000

## EL SOBRANTE

5156 Argyle Rd - \$510,000  
7600 Monte Verde - \$550,000  
7 Oak Creek Rd - \$675,000  
5604 Sobrante Av - \$297,000  
6360 Tri Ln - \$695,000

## EMERYVILLE

4 Admiral Dr B433 - \$536,000

4 Captain Dr E404 - \$315,000  
6363 Christie Av 1425 - \$325,000

## KENSINGTON

257 Colgate Av - \$620,000  
20 Kenilworth Dr - \$739,000  
217 Willamette Av - \$825,000  
500 Yale Av - \$3,880,000

## OAKLAND

2014 100th Av - \$307,000



## 4061 Oak Hill Road

Spacious & serene home on a quiet street in the hills of Oakland. 2,770 sq. ft. Main level consists of 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, lg living room w/ fireplace, dining area w/ deck and canyon views, kitchen w/ nook, double oven & built-in grill. Lower level has lg rumpus/rec room w/ fireplace, bedroom, bathroom & storage. Could be a teenager's dream or in-law potential. Two car garage.

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2960 106th Av - \$335,000  
2017 109th Av - \$365,000  
2420 11th Av - \$395,000  
1123 12th Av - \$300,000  
655 12th St 404 - \$297,000  
655 12th St 405 - \$397,500  
2806 14th Av - \$250,000  
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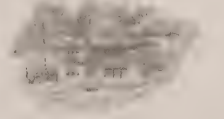
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6829 ELVERTON DRIVE \$1,245,000

Montclair. Dramatic, panoramic Bay & canyon views. 3+BD including a master suite. 4 full BA, library, home office, recreation room. Stunning circular entry. Gourmet kitchen with commercial grade appliances.

Antoine Pirson 531-7000 x270



415 PERSHING DRIVE \$959,000

Montclair. Sweeping Bay views are yours from this stylish mid-century home on one of Montclair's most prestigious streets. Soaring ceilings and walls of glass, updated kitchen, oversized master suite and family room, 2 additional bedrooms and bath.

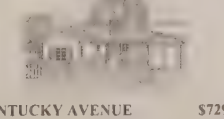
Kevin Kennedy 531-7000 x204



2990 JORDAN ROAD \$950,000

Redwood Heights. One-of-a-kind, custom mini-estate on almost 1.5 acres, 3BD/3BA, fam. rm., library, incredible gardens, privacy. Walls of glass, enormous, high ceilings, Massive liv. rm. w/floor-to-ceiling stone fireplace. Random plank oak flooring. Redwood Hills elementary.

Don Dunning 531-7000 x239



476 KENTUCKY AVENUE \$729,000

Berkeley Hills. Charming 1930's view home. 2BD/2BA, fam. rm., separate office. Level yard, front garden, white picket fence.

Stan Hammond 531-7000 x246



2759 CHELSEA DRIVE \$725,000

Montclair. 1st Open! Not on market in 36 years. Contemporary filled w/light on private cul-de-sac. Two stories of glass on front of house & in stairwell. BA w/glass wall looking onto enclosed deck. Spacious front deck, 4BD/2.5BA, frml. din. rm., spacious eat-in-kitchen, 2 fireplaces & family room.

Nicolette Bot 531-7000 x261



4307 EVANS \$485,000

Glenview. Needs work. Charming 3BD/1BA. Large liv. rm., w/frplc, frml. din. w/built-ins. Craftsman details. Basement workshop. Painted in & out. Close to Glenview shops.

Nancy or Chris 531-7000 x254

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3251 KANSAS STREET \$399,000

Laurel. Cute as a button! Sunny 2BD bungalow close to shops, restaurants & transportation. This adorable starter offers a handsome fireplace, a large kitchen w/breakfast nook & a private backyard. Easy access to hwy 580 & 13.

Heidi Tuggle 531-7000 x286



2930 PARKER AVENUE \$365,000

Eastmont. You must see this beautiful starter home. It features a comfy large living room with a brick fireplace. Two bedrooms, two baths. A large backyard that is perfect for a gardener.

Teri L. Lester 531-7000 x262

## COMING SOON

GLENVIEW - SPACIOUS TRADITIONAL  
Glenview. 3+BD/1.5BA. Large living room with fireplace, formal dining room with beautiful built-ins. Hardwood floors freshly painted inside, large deck and beautiful yard. Lots of storage.

Jaya Bhimani 531-7000 x289

## LAND

OAKMORE DISTRICT \$395,000  
Mini-estate setting. Tall redwoods border driveway to gentle downslope lot. Truly outstanding setting. Financing available.

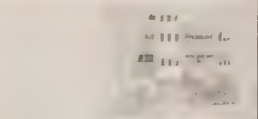
Frank Hennefer 531-7000 x235

## 2 CONTIGUOUS MONTCLAIR LOTS

\$190,000-\$200,000

72' plus frontage, soil report and financing available. Super location in area of million dollar plus new homes.

Frank Hennefer 531-7000 x235



758 KINGSTON AVENUE #102 \$349,000

Piedmont Avenue. Stunning 1BD/1BA. Remodeled kit., wood cabinets, corian breakfast bar, hardwood floors. Pleasantly close to Piedmont Ave shops, transportation.

Stan Hammond 531-7000 x246

1000 EVERGREEN TERR #1216 \$329,000

San Pablo. 1st Open! Spiffy, spacious end unit 2BD/2BA, hills views form living room, gated community, pool, near shops freeway access

Joy Bryden 531-7000 x218

## BY APPOINTMENT

## BEAUTIFUL UPGRADED

Glenview. Lovely 4BD/3BA home in Glenview. 2 Plus rooms. Large basement overlooking professionally landscaped yard. Painted in and out.

Nancy or Chris 531-7000 x242

## SPANISH MEDITERRANEAN

Glenview. Spacious exceptional home in Glenview. 4BD/2+BA with a large master room. Absolutely charming!

Nancy or Chris 531-7000 x242

## SUNNY BUNGALOW

Glenview. Spacious 2BD/1BA bungalow on a lined street. Large & lovely backyard w/workshop/shed.

Nancy or Chris 531-7000 x254

## CHARMING 3BD/1BA

Maxwell Park. On tree-lined street w/bay windows & elegant fireplace. w/built-ins, gorgeous refin. hardwood floors. Updated kitchen & tile bath.

Kate Phillips 531-7000 x228

## ULTRA CHARMING!

Maxwell Park. 2BD/1BA painted in bright colors, elegant stone fireplace & wood large remodel, eat-in kit., great deck w/bay. Romantic landscaped garden.

Kate Phillips 531-7000 x228



3914 Canon Av - \$463,000  
 3927 Canon Av - \$545,000  
 6342 Chelton Dr - \$907,000  
 6525 Chelton Dr - \$775,000  
 1938 Clemens Rd - \$702,000  
 6019 Colby St - \$685,000  
 6606 Colton Bl - \$993,000  
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744 Mountain Bl - \$895,000  
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 1932 Seminary Av - \$570,000  
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 8241 Skyline Cr - \$835,000  
 148 Sonia St - \$867,000  
 4958 Stoneridge Ct - \$795,000  
 7848 Surrey Ln - \$639,000  
 6238 Swainland Rd - \$930,000  
 6720 Thornhill Dr - \$711,000  
 4742 Tompkins Av - \$500,000

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NEW LISTING!

OPEN SUNDAY, AUGUST 15, 2-4:30PM



4450 Pampas Ave, Oakland

First Open House! Pristine 2 BR/1BA Laurel Bungalow on cul de sac. Recent exterior paint, landscaped yard and patio with hill view, eat-in kitchen, detached garage.

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PIEDMONT AVENUE

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4044 Panama Court, Oakland

Welcome to one of Oakland's most desirable neighborhoods! This charming 2BR/1BA Craftsman bungalow is nestled in a cul-de-sac. Original details attest to its 1915 birthday. Fresh paint & gleaming hardwood floors show past owners' loving care. The backyard has fruit trees, and during the rains you may hear Glen Echo Creek. Prepare to fall in love!

Offered at \$525,000



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Redwood Heights

NEW LISTING WITH BAY AND CITY VIEWS  
 OPEN SUNDAY, AUGUST 15TH 2-4:30PM



3649 Victor Ave, Oakland

Charming ENGLISH STYLE HOME offering a comfortable floor plan and distinct style. Spacious kitchen with breakfast room and adjoining enclosed sun-porch. MASTER BEDROOM with adjoining sitting room. Downstairs has large plus room with half bath, workshop area and storage room. Patio and detached garage. Don't miss this wonderful home.

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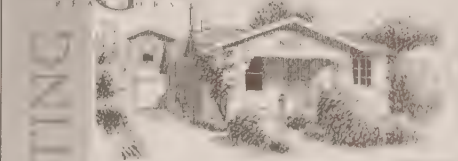
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New kitchen with limestone, New fir flrs, arched ceiling w/recessed and pendant lights and stainless steel appls. All New fir and slate flrs. New beautiful bathroom. New electrical, plumbing, furnace, ceramic upgrade. Full basement with good ceiling height. A must see!

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 2 until 5 pm

**N**estled on a quiet tree lined street, in the vibrant Temescal. This home has been brilliantly redone. 2 bedrooms and 1 gorgeous bath, with an extra room for an office. Gl.aming inlay hardwood floors, crown molding, built-ins, fireplace, designer colors, all new stainless appliances with a 5-burner stove, granite counters, sunny breakfast nook that leads to deck and patio. Detached single car garage. Close to Rockridge shops. Near BART, freeways, and casual carpool. Everything about this house SCREAMS immaculate, meticulous, quality, and comfort - HOME.

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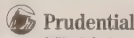


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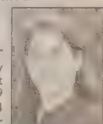


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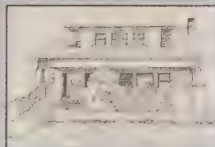
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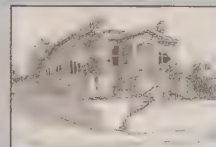
**Sunday 1-4:30 \$929,000**  
 3515 Harwood, Oakland. Sparkling 2BR/1BA Rockridge gem! Close to BART.  
 Judith Glass/Sheila Sabine  
 (510) 428-0900



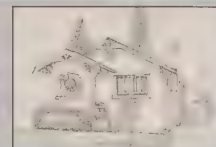
**Sunday 2-5 \$659,000**  
 1071 Brookwood Rd., Oakland.  
 3BR/1BA traditional on one way st. (off Trestle Glen).  
 Anthony Riggins (510) 428-0900



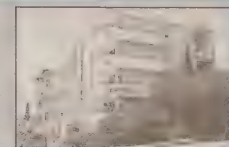
**Sunday 2-4 \$649,000**  
 1322 Everett, Oakland. 4BR/2BA Craftsman, FF, DR, near shops, hwd floors, garden.  
 Mark Hardwicke (510) 868-1527



**Sunday 1-5 \$489,000**  
 3898 Coolidge Ave., Oakland.  
 2BR/1BA bungalow with updated kit, lg. yard.  
 Ted Normart (510) 845-0211



**Sunday 2-5 \$625,000**  
 4008 La Cresta, Oakland. 3BR/2BA 1923 Craftsman, charm + remodeled for today.  
 Jay Lean (510) 845-0211



**Sunday 1-4 \$259,000**  
 1905 5th Ave., Oakland. Open floor plan, new paint, close to lake, shops, BART.  
 CP Yang (510) 834-2010

## Piedmont

**Sunday 2-4:30 \$990,000**  
 30 Boulevard Way. Charming gracious family home w/upgrades.  
 Alan Arnold (510) 339-9290

## Oakland

**Sunday 2-4:30 \$1,375,000**  
 2108 Melvin Road. Brand new 5/3/5 production w/chef's kitchen.  
 Eric C. Ross (510) 339-9290

**Sunday 2-4:30 \$799,000**  
 2000 Golden Gate Ave. Upper bungalow English charmer w/views.  
 Kathy Ottmer (510) 428-0900

**Sunday 2-4:30 \$749,000**  
 1716 Buena Vista Ave. Lovely 3BR/2BA pano bay view, lg. deck.  
 David Otero (510) 428-0900

**Sunday 2-4:30 \$725,000**  
 1716 Buena Vista Ave. Lovely 3BR/2BA pano bay view, lg. deck.  
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**Sunday 2-4:30 \$595,000**  
 2010 E Centro Ave. 3/1 with 1/1 in-law shpg. & trans.  
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**Sunday 2-4:30 \$549,000**  
 1716 Buena Vista Ave. Lovely 3BR/2BA pano bay view, lg. deck.  
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**Sunday 2-5 \$495,000**  
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**Sunday 2-4 \$474,000**  
 2942 California St. 3/1, all hwd flrs, new kit, quiet st, area.  
 Colin Hill (510) 834-2010

**Sunday 2-? \$439,000**  
 Nicely remodeled bungalow on oversized lot w/potential for future multi-family development. Located near Emeryville, Berkeley border.  
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**Lake Merritt Beauty \$425,000**  
 Remodeled spacious 2BR/2BA unit over 1600 sq. ft. 24 hr. sec., att. pkg. Caroline Slotemaker de Bruine (510) 868-1454

**Sunday 2-4:30 \$369,000**  
 4365 Fleming. Large lot w/2/2 home plus second building.  
 David Otero (510) 339-9290

**Sunday 2-4:30 \$365,000**  
 5932 Mauritania. Updated 3/1 Mills College cottage.  
 John Wesley Realtor.com (510) 339-9290

**Sunday 2-4 \$279,000**  
 2701 74th Ave. Affordable 2BR/1BA split-level bungalow w/open flr. plan, hwd flrs., priv. yrd. Close to shpg. & trans.  
 (510) 428-0900

## Emeryville

**Sunday 2-5 \$615,000**  
 1263 66th St. 2BR/2BA w/loft at liquid sugar views.  
 Anthony Riggins (510) 428-0900

## Berkeley

**Sunday 2-4 \$499,000**  
 2405 Spaulding. Bungalow on huge lot, 2 bedrooms.  
 Jeanette Vento (510) 845-0211

## Berkeley

**Sunday 2-5 \$459,000**  
 1408 Alcatraz, Berkeley. Stunning renovation of an arts & crafts beauty!  
 Lisa Friedman (510) 845-0211

## Berkeley

**Sunday \$439,000**  
 1612 Derby. 2BR/2BA, beamed ceiling, cosmetic fixer.  
 Gaby Olander (510) 845-0211

## Berkeley

**Sunday 1-4 \$389,000**  
 2416 Sacramento St. 2/1 classic bungalow. Info@sold4sure.com.  
 Diane Reilly (510) 283-7000

## Berkeley

**Sunday 2-4 \$299,000**  
 2623 Benvenue #B. Charming 1BR brown shingle condo, close to campus.  
 Reynolds (510) 868-1477

## Albany

**Coming Soon In Albany**  
 Gorgeous Craftsman 3+2 with legal studio cottage in back yd.  
 Sucheta Dhupelia (510) 868-1511

## Richmond

**Sunday 1-4 \$499,000**  
 444 Carlston. Craftsman 2BR/2BA, bonus attic. Huge garage, hwd flrs.  
 Laura Margulius (510) 868-1400

## Oakland

**Sunday 2-4:30 \$1,425,000**  
 6801 Colton. Completely remodeled 4+3 w/captivating views.  
 Heidi Marchesotti (510) 339-9290

## Richmond

**Sunday 2-4 \$379,000**  
 1175 Joel Ct. Great location, 3/1, frpl, lrg lot.  
 Arianna April Fleischman (510) 868-1544

## Residential Income

**Sunday 2-5 \$750,000**  
 2686 Mabel St. Berkeley. Don't miss 3 beautiful units in trendy west Berkeley. Gardens and more.  
 Kathleen Grandall (510) 684-5289

**Sunday 2-4:30 \$675,000**  
 3115 Stuart St. Oakland. Triplex w/harm. 2-2BR/1BA; 1-1BR/1BA. Dimond.  
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## Sales

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3850 Anza Wy - \$478,000  
218 Begier Av - \$619,000  
16383 Blanco St - \$465,000  
1134 Bodmin Av - \$460,000  
1917 Bradhoff Av - \$445,000  
136 Cambridge Av - \$565,000  
16629 Cowell St - \$555,000  
557 Elsie Av - \$430,000  
868 Figueroa Dr - \$489,000

732 Frederick Rd - \$400,000  
395 Haas Av - \$470,000  
1126 Hutchings Dr - \$380,000  
2717 Lakeview Dr - \$805,000  
1789 Manor Bl - \$437,000  
1521 Manzanita Av - \$475,000  
2546 Marina Bl 4 - \$409,000  
15655 Maubert Av - \$351,000  
1239 Ottawa Av - \$380,000  
1358 Parker St - \$680,000  
504 Thornton St - \$335,000  
1666 Vida Ct - \$600,000  
2077 Washington 306 - \$230,000

14871 Washington - \$470,000  
1661 Wayne Av - \$515,000  
2566 Williams St - \$490,000  
733 Woodgate Dr - \$340,000

## SAN LORENZO

1324 Jacqueline Pl - \$327,000  
1996 Keller Av - \$500,000  
190 Loma Verde Dr - \$288,000  
1485 Via Buena Vista - \$488,000  
16060 Via Harriet - \$475,000  
16119 Via Media - \$456,000

16006 Via Pinal - \$450,000  
16085 Via Segundo - \$475,000  
16059 Via Toledo - \$350,000  
17676 Via Valencia - \$435,000

## By the numbers

## ALAMEDA

TOTAL SALES: 20  
LOWEST PRICE: \$255,000  
HIGHEST PRICE: \$835,000

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1501 Hadera Court, St Gerardo

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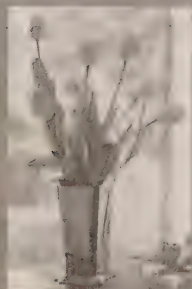
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## Berkeley

\$1,100,000

Elegant home in the Berkeley Hills. Gracious formal living room w/ beamed ceilings, formal dining room, top-of-the-line chef's kitchen. Four bedrooms, 2 baths, family room, separate office. Completely remodeled from foundation to roof.

1071 Euclid Ave.  
Todd HodsonOpen Sun 2-4  
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## Albany

\$698,000

Sunny, Mediterranean 2-story home with 4 bedroom, 2 bath, formal dining room w/ cove ceilings and built-ins, large eat-in kitchen. Beautifully landscaped, private backyard, detached finished garage with skylight perfect for art studio.

1052 Santa Fe  
Todd HodsonOpen Sun 2-4  
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## Pinole

\$415,000

The best of two worlds! Contemporary 3 bedroom, 2.5 bath home in charming Old Towne Pinole. Only a short walk to schools, parks and downtown shops & restaurants. Sold "as-is."

2139 Pine Street  
Bonnie ScottOpen Sun 2-4  
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## Kensington/Berkeley

\$849,000

Light & spacious traditional with panoramic views! Lovingly maintained, first time on the market in 30 years. 3 bedroom, 2 bath on main level plus 2 bedrooms, 1 bath upstairs in the romantic guest retreat. Hardwood floors, fireplace, formal dining room opens to deck. Walk to Kensington Hilltop School & nearby Village shops!

222 Yale Ave.  
Terry PedersenOpen Sun 2-4  
527-2700 x36

## Berkeley

\$469,000

Very charming! Centrally located split-level cutie. 2 bedrooms. Lovely remodeled bath, updated kitchen with easy access to pretty backyard. Dual pane windows throughout, hardwood floors, newer roof, attached garage.

1532 Bancroft Way  
Alice McLeishOpen Sun 1-4  
527-2700 x35

## Berkeley

\$699,000

Creative, contemporary multi-level converted brown shingle bedrooms, 2 baths, 2 staircases, 2 wet bars! Open living area with many European details throughout. Detached garden cottage.

1016 Cedar St.  
Gloria Poliansku

## N&amp;E Richmond

\$419,000

Warm, spacious Tudor-style home located on lovely street in prime west Oakland location. Built in 1887, completely remodeled dining w/ built-ins, 1-car detached garage.

701 26th St.  
Jeri Jones

## Oakland

\$199,000

Incredible two bedroom fixer opportunity on Victorian-lined prime west Oakland location. Built in 1887, completely remodeled waiting for restoration. Less than one mile to BART.

1033 Willow Street  
Jean ShernFor more information about these properties visit [www.marvingardens.com](http://www.marvingardens.com)



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### ALAMEDA DUPLEX

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SAT & SUN  
2-5 P.M.

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1337 Broadway, Alameda  
\$749,000

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### NEW LISTING

#### ALAMEDA BUNGALOW

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SUNDAY  
2-5 P.M.

1830 Pearl St., Alameda

Charming 2 bdr, 1 ba California bungalow on a corner lot in the desirable Fernside neighborhood of Alameda. Freshly painted inside & out. Updated kitchen with breakfast room. Refinished hard & softwood floors. Original woodwork & Built-ins. Detached garage & garden shed. Close to schools, shopping & transportation.

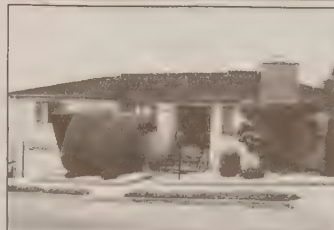
\$499,000

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### NEW ON THE MARKET IN REDWOOD HEIGHTS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC SUNDAY



4075 Norton Avenue

Enjoy the sweeping Bay and bridge views from this lovingly maintained 4 bedroom, 2.5 bath two story home with its beautifully updated kitchen and big rumpus room. In addition to gleaming hardwood floors, this home features a huge level back yard with fruit trees, master bedroom suite, interior access from the 2 car garage, loads of storage and a remarkable deck that takes in the Bay view.

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Piedmont

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4075 BA This home is listed on the Alameda Historical Registry. The house includes second house w/ 2 BR, 2 guest cottages & tennis.

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4075 BA Spectacular French Chateau. Beautifully restored, bay views. A must see!

Dian Hymer  
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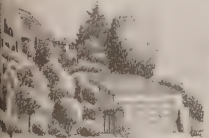
4075 BA Spacious Elmwood Condo Walking distance to transportation & restaurants. Great living bldg on 2nd flr w/ fireplace, laundry/prkg.

Barbara Marienhal  
510.486.1495

#### Open Houses

4075 BA Mediterranean Villa. Great location! Bay views! 2yrs. New kitchen, 2 BR, 2 BA, Fam rm.

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4075 BA Classic Tudor, fabulous SF, large backyard, Old World charm, modern amenities.

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#### OPEN HOUSES



**Claremont Hills**  
6958 Bristol Dr. Sun 2 - 5  
4 BR 3.5 BA Spectacular 3yr old Mediter. style home. Great flrpln. Outdoor kit. & gazebo. A Beauty!  
Judith A. & Karen L.  
510.339.4700

**Oakland Hills**  
4700 Shetland Sun 2 - 4:30  
4 BR 4.5 BA New construction, contemp. design, top of the line finishes. Great flr pln, gourmet kit.  
David Echert  
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**Piedmont Pines**  
6240 Chelton Drive Sun 2 - 4:30  
3+BR, 2+BA Bay Views, kit/fam rm, great outdoor living, mstr suite, home office, rec rm.  
Joan Duffield  
510.339.4700



**Lakeshore Terrace**  
573 Kenmore Ave. Sun 2 - 5  
3+BR, 2+BA. Sunny 1915 Trad. Nice details. Great in/outdoor living! Near Lakeshore shops.  
Ruby Ng  
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#### OPEN HOUSES



**Alameda**  
1337 Broadway Sun 2 - 5  
Like two houses in one! 3/2 & 3/1. Lg kitchens, high ceilings, period details & grt yard!  
Bonnie Ross  
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**Redwood Heights**  
4075 Norton Ave. Sun 2 - 5  
4 BR 2.5 BA Enjoy the huge yard and expansive Bay Bridge & City views from this well maintained home  
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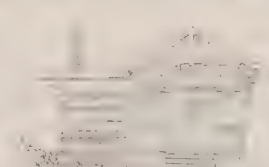
**Rockridge**  
150 Florence Ave. Sun 2 - 5  
3 BR 2 BA Delightful mid-century w/h Bay vu, all level living. Hwd flrs, frpl, lengthy rear patio.  
Nancy Dickey  
510.339.4700

**Crocker Highlands**  
619 Longridge Road Sun 2 - 4:30  
3BR 2BA Stylish Mid-Century home on 1-level. Great indoor-outdoor living, updated eat-in kitchen.  
Jeffrey Neideman  
510.339.4700

**Montclair**  
5863 Chelton Sun 2 - 5  
2 BR 2 BA Tradit. w/ conv. acces to Village & trails. Great open flr plan. Updated kitchen & baths.  
Barbara Hardacre  
510.339.4700



#### OPEN HOUSES



**Oakland**  
4126 Gilbert Street Sun 2 - 4:30  
3 BR 2 BA Piedmont Avenue! Charming Craftsman w/ original details, eat-in kitchen. Clean.  
Susan "Zanna" Knight  
510.486.1495

**Oakland Hills**  
4300 Oak Hill Rd. Sun 2 - 4:30  
2 BR 2 BA Easy living! Updated one-level Ranch on very large wooded lot, fabulous Bay & Hills views.  
Laura Arechiga  
510.339.4700

**Oakland**  
432 Lester Avenue Sun 2 - 5  
3+BR, 2BA Charm nr Lake Merritt. Lrg bckd, fruit trees, deck, hot tub. Flexible flrpln.  
Karyn Miller  
510.339.4700

**El Cerrito**  
1241 Navellier St. Sun 2 - 5  
3 BR 1.5 BA Home with bay view, flr to ceiling windows, new paint, new tile, big back yard.  
Kumiko Terao  
510.486.1495

**Marina Bay, Richmond**  
72 Seagull Drive Sat/Sun 2 - 4:30  
3 BR 2.5 BA Loft, new paint, frplc, Nr Bart & shops. Gated comm. w/pool. 2-car gar. Nxt to BayMarina.  
Lynne Loring  
510.486.1495



**Alameda**  
1830 Pearl St. \$499,000 Sun 2 - 5  
2 BR 1 BA Spacious 2/1 Fernside Bungalow on lg. corner lot. Hardwood floors, built-ins & updated kit  
Preston Grant  
510.339.4700

#### OPEN HOUSES

**Millmont**  
3901 Edenvale Place Sun 2 - 4:30  
Charming duplex with hardwood floors, built-ins, fireplaces, garages, and fenced backyard.  
Jeffrey Neideman  
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**El Cerrito**  
6322 Waldo Ave. Sun 2 - 5  
2 BR 1 BA Hardwood floors, built-in bookcases, top of line washer/dryer. Walk to schools & shops.  
Victoria Lee  
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**Berkeley**  
2 Panoramic Way, #103 Sun 2 - 4  
PRICE REDUCED 2 BR 1 BA Stylish condo nr Cal. Ikea kit, Pergo flrs, updt ba. Pvt patio, secure parking.  
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**San Pablo Proper**  
13700 San Pablo Sun 2-4  
2 BR 2 BA Located in quiet, clean San Pablo neighborhood. New carpet, new paint, climate control, and alarm system.  
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**Oakland**  
3768 Harrison St. Unit 103 Sun 2 - 4:30  
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735 Kearny Street Open 2-4



**BERKELEY - NEW LISTING!** \$769,000  
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**BERKELEY** \$549,000  
3/1 - In the hills near Terrace View Park. Lovely green view from picture windows, secluded patio, hardwood floors, updated kitchen. More at [www.bobblumberg.com](http://www.bobblumberg.com).  
215 Fairlawn Drive Open 2-4



**BERKELEY** \$599,000  
3/1 - Elegant condo with 1920's Tudor details. Arched mahogany door & cove moulding. Blocks to Chez Panisse & UC campus. Golden Gate view from master bedroom.  
2371 Virginia Street #3 Open 2-5



**OAKLAND** \$399,000  
2/1 - Fully renovated split-level home on Emeryville border. Hardwood floors, built-in cabinetry and freshly painted interior/exterior. Backyard with wood deck.  
5325 Lowell Street Open 2-4

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**EL CERRITO** \$455,000  
2/1 - Cute bungalow featuring a brick fireplace & separate dining room. Move-in condition. Situated on a 6,000 square foot lot with many fruit trees. Close to El Cerrito Plaza.

**BERKELEY** \$695,000  
Triplex - Gourmet Ghetto with 2 empty units including 2-bedroom upstairs owner's unit. Charm, location, great investment. For photos and more go to [www.heidiandjerry.com](http://www.heidiandjerry.com).

**BERKELEY** \$575,000  
2/2 - 1,414 sq. ft. condo - rooftop penthouse. Blocks to UC campus & Chez Panisse. Sweeping panoramic bay views from living room. Private elevator stop.

**OAKLAND** \$399,000  
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**BERKELEY** \$549,000  
3/2 - Large house in central location with hardwood floors, two attached garages. Very large semi-developed space below. More at [www.charliecookproperties.com](http://www.charliecookproperties.com).

**OAKLAND** \$395,000  
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**1838 Moreland Drive**

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**OPEN SUNDAY 2-4:30.** This spacious home offers an open floor plan, private finishes, landscaped grounds and beautiful landscaping. Hardwood floors, granite, stainless, 4 bedrooms, plus library/office and family room and a half baths.

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**MORAGA \$2,295,000**



**NEW CONSTRUCTION.** This custom home features 5 bedrooms, gourmet chef's kitchen, elegant MBD, two-story LR with Mt Diablo views, 4.0+/- acres, wrap-around veranda, expansive decks and yard.

**ORINDA \$2,100,000**



**PRIVATE SHOWPLACE.** Stunning 4bd/4ba 4200+/-sf contemporary home. Art collector's dream. Spectacular views. 1.24+/- acres of natural landscaping and sparkling pool. Separate unit.

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**QUIET AND SERENE SETTING.** This gorgeous home located on a lovely Walnut Creek cul-de-sac features 5 bedrooms plus bonus room, 4.5 baths, a stunning gourmet kitchen and custom millwork.

**LAFAYETTE \$1,450,000**



**VERY SPECIAL.** Views and privacy highlight this incredible custom home on 1.0+/- acre. Gorgeous 5bd/3.5ba with cathedral ceilings, hardwood floors and walls of glass. Zoned for horses.

**MORAGA \$989,000**



**JUST LISTED.** This is what you've been waiting for! 4bd/2.5ba plus office/bonus room. 2700+/-sf, newly landscaped and painted, new carpet and views of hills. Located near superb shopping and dining.

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TOTAL SALES: 20  
LOWEST PRICE: \$382,000  
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**EL CERRITO**

TOTAL SALES: 6  
LOWEST PRICE: \$390,000

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TOTAL SALES: 5  
LOWEST PRICE: \$297,000  
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MEDIAN PRICE: \$550,000  
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**EMERYVILLE**

TOTAL SALES: 3  
LOWEST PRICE: \$315,000  
HIGHEST PRICE: \$536,000  
MEDIAN PRICE: \$325,000  
AVERAGE PRICE: \$392,000

**KENSINGTON**

TOTAL SALES: 4  
LOWEST PRICE: \$620,000  
HIGHEST PRICE: \$3,880,000  
MEDIAN PRICE: \$825,000

AVERAGE PRICE: \$1,516,000

**OAKLAND**

TOTAL SALES: 120  
LOWEST PRICE: \$165,000  
HIGHEST PRICE: \$1,900,000  
MEDIAN PRICE: \$423,000  
AVERAGE PRICE: \$497,754

**PIEDMONT**

TOTAL SALES: 3  
LOWEST PRICE: \$1,048,000

HIGHEST PRICE: \$1,925,000  
MEDIAN PRICE: \$1,425,000  
AVERAGE PRICE: \$1,465,333

**RICHMOND**

TOTAL SALES: 44  
LOWEST PRICE: \$207,000  
HIGHEST PRICE: \$662,000  
MEDIAN PRICE: \$348,000  
AVERAGE PRICE: \$379,773

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A sampling of our current listings:

**Mission Dolores**

Nestled at the end of a quiet cul-de-sac, this beautifully renovated 1920's home has Edwardian charm, superb floor plan and contemporary touches. 3 br including master suite with fireplace, 2.5 baths, gourmet kitchen plus much more.  
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**Bernal Heights**

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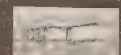


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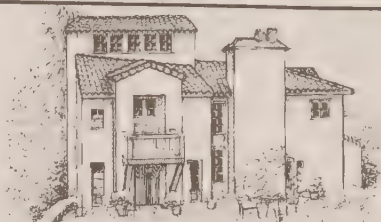
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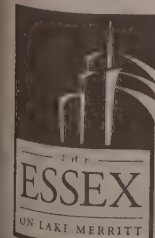
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## Grubs, Creeping Bentgrass threaten garden

Q. We are about to replant our lawn for the third time as grubs and Creeping Bent grass have destroyed the previous two ones. Last September, we turned off the water for six weeks and removed all the sod in November. There were noticeable grubs and egg masses in the sod. This April the grubs returned. The raccoons removed the grubs by night while the blue jays got them out by day. We are treating the creeping bent with "Round Up." Is there anything else we can do to prevent the problems from reoccurring?

A. Creeping Bent will be of a problem than the grubs. Bent grass seed is spread by the wind and likes mild, moist conditions. It thrives year round where there is a strong summer, marine influence. In the hot, dry, inland areas, it dies out and returns with the rainy season. Also, it tends to be less aggressive because of the weather.

Before sowing any seed or laying sod, I would water the area to germinate any of the dormant seeds

that happens to be there and then spray the growth with Round Up. Unfortunately, there are no selective herbicides that will kill the Bent grass in an established turf. It's important to control or kill as much as you can before installing the new grass.

Grubs are easier to control with Bayer's "Season-Long Grub Control," but I would finish the soil preparation and install the new grass first. I would apply the "Season-Long Grub Control" after the third mowing. Next year, apply it in the late spring before the grubs arrive. The active ingredient will control the problem before it begins.

Beneficial nematodes may also do the trick. Beneficial nematodes are a bio pesticide that seeks out and destroy the grubs and other soil borne pests except earthworms. They are very effective against soil insects besides being very environmental friendly. I would apply at the end of July.

Q. I recently dug up three bushes that had died. When I re-

moved them, I noticed the soil had a lot of white stuff mixed in with it. What was it and is it safe to plant in that area again?

A. It is common for a white fungus growth to develop in our clay soils that are amended with organic matter. The white stuff has a stringy texture that can be matted or it looks like it weaving it way through the soil particles.

This is Mother Nature at work breaking down or composting the chunky pieces of organic matter in the soil. There is no need to be concerned although it is a bit of a surprise or for some a shock when noticed for the first time. You can replant whenever you like without any reservations.

Buzz Bertolero is executive vice president of Navlet's Garden Centers and a California Certified Nursery Professional. His Web address is [www.dirtgardener.com](http://www.dirtgardener.com); send questions by e-mail at [dirtgardener@aol.com](mailto:dirtgardener@aol.com) or to 360 Civic Drive Ste. D, Pleasant Hill, CA 94523

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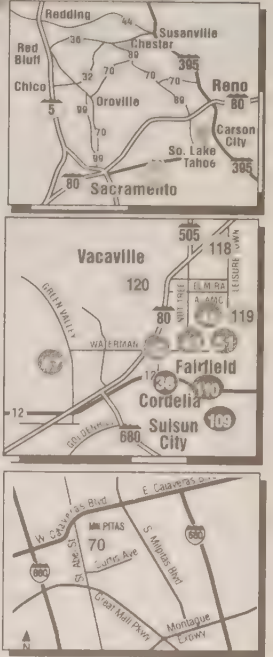


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HIGHEST PRICE: \$805,000  
MEDIAN PRICE: \$470,000

AVERAGE PRICE: \$467.857

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- TOTAL SALES: 10  
LOWEST PRICE: \$288,000  
HIGHEST PRICE: \$500,000  
MEDIAN PRICE: \$456,000  
AVERAGE PRICE: \$424,400

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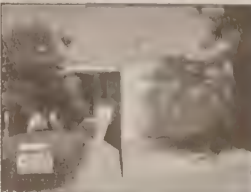
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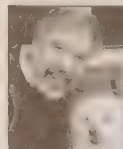


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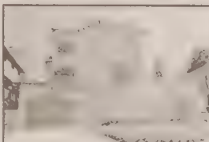
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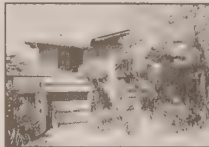
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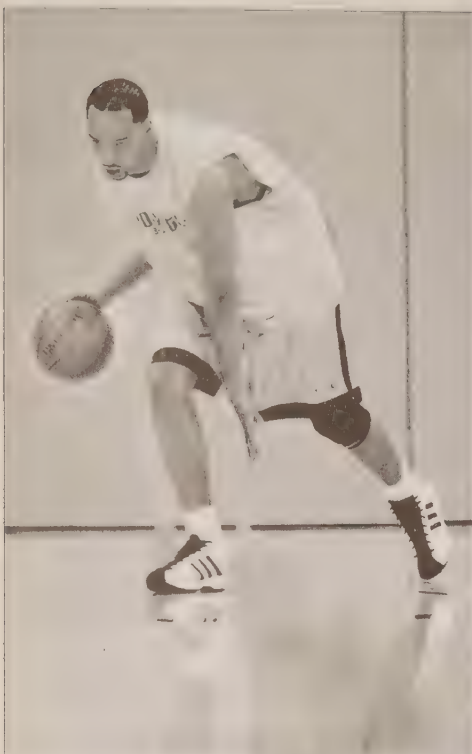
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DREW GOODEN will team up with LeBron James next season in Cleveland. Gooden is expected to start at power forward for the Cavs.

## Gooden

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million team option for the 2005-06 season. Next offseason, he is eligible to receive an extension on the contract he signed as a rookie. If he can be at least as productive as Boozer was for Cleveland, it could mean a lot of money come next season.

Being desired would be a welcome change for Gooden.

Memphis Grizzlies general manager Jerry West drafted Gooden with the No. 4 pick in the 2002 NBA draft. But Gooden was added to a team that already had two veteran power forwards in Pau Gasol and Stromile Swift.

"(West) told me when he drafted me he already had two power forwards," Gooden said, "but he wanted to take the best player available."

Gooden was tried out at small forward. He said in one stretch he played about 25 consecutive games on the perimeter. West and coach Hubie Brown realized Gooden wasn't ready for the position, especially not enough to overtake Shane Battier in the starting lineup, so they traded Gooden to playoff-bound Orlando for Mike Miller.

Orlando, as Gooden and the Grizzlies' brass expected, was a perfect fit. Gooden started 18 of the 19 games he played, averaging 13.6 points and 8.5 rebounds in 28.6 minutes. His numbers in-

creased (14 points, 12.7 rebounds) in the Magic's seven-game, first-round playoff series loss to the Detroit Pistons in the 2003 playoffs.

But the following offseason, the Magic signed free agent Juwan Howard. Gooden, again, was the odd-man out. He made just 17 starts in 79 games last season, some of them at small forward alongside Howard.

"Drew came back in the beginning of last year and found Juwan in his spot," Orlando general manager John Weisbrod told The Associated Press. "Even Drew would say he didn't deal with it as well as he could've or should've."

The Magic then drafted high school phenom Dwight Howard, a power forward, once again making Gooden expendable. Andrews said he was told by Weisbrod that if the team decided Gooden wasn't going to start, they would trade him. They did.

Gooden has now played two seasons. Cleveland is his third city. Silas is his sixth coach.

"I feel like I've been in the league for six years," Gooden said.

Maybe that explains his calm demeanor. Gooden has been through this before. He knows the uncertainty of starting over, the sting of being demoted, the disappointment of not working out.

With the prospect of it happening again, it figures he would be freaking out. Instead, he's giving back to the community.

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### Strikers 18-under softball tryouts

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### Sorcerer 18 gold/18A softball tryouts

Sorcerer Softball 18 gold and 18A teams will be holding tryouts Aug. 22 and Aug. 29. 925-825-6274 or www.sorcerersoftball.org.

### Sorcerer 14A softball tryouts

Sorcerer Softball 14A team will be holding tryouts Aug. 22 and Aug. 29 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Benicia Middle School. 707-747-1027 or www.sorcerersoftball.org.

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Open tryouts will be held Sept. 2 at 5 p.m. at United Sports Complex in Stockton and Sept. 11 at 10 a.m. at Solano College in Suisun City. 740-373-2068 or www.CoastToCoastAthletics.com.

### International basketball exchange program

Sports for Youth Foundation is accepting high school teams, club teams and individual players for the 2004 Goodwill Ambassadors International Basketball exchange to Brazil. Program is open to all boys ages 16-18. Tour dates Aug. 20-31. 425-255-8102, info@sportsforyouth.com or www.sportsforyouth.com.

### Chris Mashburn Memorial softball tourney

Chris Mashburn Memorial Foundation Tournament will be held Sept. 18-19 at Willow Pass Park in Concord for

## Alameda

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third inning.

In the third, Taiwan made a couple of errors that Alameda was able to capitalize on. Murray got the rally started with a single to left, and Murphy then bunted a ball that the Taiwan catcher misplayed. Kenny Arnerich then dropped another bunt for a hit to load the bases.

Gerhard singled to right, scoring Murray and Murphy to tie the game at 2-2. Arnerich scored for a 3-2 Alameda lead when Woodd was safe on an error. Woodd then scored when Hollands hit a ball to center that was misplayed for another error.

"Taiwan was looking very

mortal," Grigg said.

Pries continued to pitch well into the fourth, but Taiwan got a run back in the inning on a double and two errant pickoff attempts.

Alameda got that run back in the fifth inning. Murphy singled, advanced to third on two successive fielder's choices and scored on a passed ball.

Taiwan later cut the Alameda lead to 5-4 with a solo home run.

Hollands came into pitch the final two innings for Alameda, but it wasn't easy going. The team dodged a bullet in the sixth when the potential tying run was picked off third for the final out of the inning.

Down 5-4 going into the seventh, Taiwan got its first two batters aboard with walks, but then Hollands struck out the next two

batters. With runners on first and second, the Taiwan runner was caught off first base, but got back to the bag safely during the rundown. The runner on second went to third on the play.

But that runner, according to Grigg, rounded the bag "too aggressively" and he was also caught in a rundown. Alameda tried to run him down, but threw the ball away and the runner was awarded home for what appeared to be the tying run for Taiwan.

"But as the Taiwan players and fans celebrated, Alameda coach Ken Arnerich instructed Hollands to appeal the score," Grigg said. "Arnerich felt that in his excitement, the Taiwanese player had failed to touch home plate before rushing to join his teammates."

"After a few minutes to get the appeal implemented correctly, plate umpire Alameda, upholding the call and denying Taiwan's appeal, the third out and the over with Alameda on top, 5-4."

**Notes:** "The fun of international games is with the other team's features," Grigg said. "It has a distinctive style in many teams, including Taiwan, play with a style that's often missing in play."

"For example, all enjoyed it when the ball would make a key teammates would 'Bravo, bravo!'"

## Festival

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get behind the festival.

"After eight years of growing and proving ourselves, we thought the city would pick us up," Gee says.

Given the money that festival-goers bring into Oakland, festival organizers were hoping to get the city to cover some of the costs, such as security. But it hasn't happened.

Given this post-9-11 world, Gee has been told that the city has other priorities.

"They say, 'We have to deal with crime, we have to deal with terrorism.' But those are never going to go away," Gee says. "If that's your basis for not supporting local projects, you're never going to support local projects. What happened to quality

of life? I appreciate that you have to do some things, but if you commit all your resources to 'negative mitigation,' you lose sight of some of the positive things that can be done — like keeping (Lake Merritt) clean."

In addition to the festival, the IDBA brought the U.S. Dragon Boat Federation National Championships to Oakland two years ago. The city had previously hosted the USDBF regionals and twice been a candidate to host dragon boating's world championships.

Perhaps Oakland someday will hold the world championships. For now, though, the IDBA has put such major visions on hold.

"We've been using our time and resources to get our youth program going," Gee says.

In a perfect world, the festival itself would help fund the youth

program. But the festival, though successful in many measures, barely covers the IDBA's costs.

In addition, there are costs that can't be quantified. For the volunteers, the festival itself becomes a kind of all-consuming second job.

As soon as one festival ends, Gee says, organizers have to start planning for the next. Planning, in this case, involves only production. The volunteers also must give additional hours to raising funds.

For many, the time commitment gets overwhelming.

"We're willing to take this up again next year, if we can get this thing going without the volunteers going crazy," says Gee, a single mother of two. "We're eight years older now (than when the IDBA was founded in 1996), and some of us have kids going to college. If we had a

white knight (who can fund) while we do this it would be great."

For now, the IDBA is to expand its youth program, hoping to help kids, otherwise "fall the cracks" in one way or another.

"Dragon boats pick kids that can't do sports: the ones not tall for football, not tall for basketball," Gee says. "Also get the Nintendo computers nerds, the toes, and offer them an outlet. Give them a sense of spirit and a sense of pride."

Surely, the IDBA's program is most worthwhile something is lacking. mer given the absolute dragon boat festival."

As Chicago Cubs went to say, wait'll we

## Currier

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stressed the youth of Alameda,

was led by the U.S. Coast Guard color guard, drill team and marching band. Thousands flocked the streets as the parade moved its course with Willie and his mother and stepfather swamped by people trying to get his attention. Then came the Encinal High varsity and junior varsity baseball teams in uniforms, Alameda Mayor Chuck Conica, Mrs. Elaine Kurlinski, president of the school board and superintendent Clarence Kline next.

Sponsors of the event, the Encinal High School Boosters Club, were represented by co-chairmen Nick Cabral and Paul Kapler and Beverly Saunders, president of the club. Two of

Stargell's classmates, Barbara Elmore and the Rev. Ronald Swisher, also were members of the committee.

The official city car included Amy Stone, vice-mayor; Anne Diamant, Rich Sherratt and Charles Tillman of the City Council, along with Brian McDonald, representing Assemblyman Elihu Harris.

Encinal High principals — past and present — Lowell Mell, Grant Branders and Frank Hanna, were in a car. Then there was a vehicle driven by Oakland Raider Raymond Chester that included D. Grant Mainland, head of the Alameda Recreation and Park Department, athletic director Foster and Larry Patton, chairman of the Willie Stargell Day planned for Candlestick Park on July 26.

The two student body presidents, Edna Washington, then

an Oakland School department principal who was EHS student body president in 1958, and Steve Nelson, the 1980 president, were there. Coach George Read and Bob Zuk, the scout who signed Stargell for Pittsburgh, also were in a car. Marching bands from both Encinal and Alameda high schools took part, as did the Encinal High ROTC drill team, representatives of the Encinal tennis team, championship girls softball team and swimming, badminton and football squads. There were 21 Babe Ruth baseball teams lined up in order along with the park league teams and representatives of the Boys Club, Girls Club, and Alameda High varsity and junior varsity baseball teams.

Then there were representatives of the Alameda Athletic Association, the City Special

Olympics, and the Willie Haight and Lincoln groups. Franklin, Long Chipman and Woodstock schools were also represented.

He was fresh from the World Series ... the less. But in his book, wrote, "Never had I as many friends and so as I did in the project, never, when interviewed, fail to recall his Alameda ground. He never forgot."

We'll have more of those early days, and tribulations of raising his early career, notions of his childhood, and future major league Tommy Harper and Cal Mottom, of coach Gene and of the reasons Stargell now stands in his home new Pittsburgh Pirates PNC Park

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Napoleon, who is taunted, harassed and laughed at in school. It is also the truest, though it may take you a while to appreciate it. This movie, filled with small-town, quirky characters, is ultimately more tender than cruel. — A.O. Scott. (PG: thematic elements and language.) 1 hour, 26 minutes. C+

"THE NOTEBOOK": Wealthy big-city girl Allie (Rachel McAdams) meets local working-class boy Noah (Ryan Gosling) while vacationing with her family and they fall in wild teenage love. Her parents don't approve, and they go their separate ways — she to college, he to World War II. But since their story is being told in flashbacks in the form of a notebook — which a kind older gentleman (James Garner) is reading in a nursing home to a kind older lady with Alzheimer's disease (Gena Rowlands) — you begin to suspect that these star-crossed lovers ended up crossing paths again. — C. Lemire. (PG-13: some sexuality.) 2 hours. C-

"OPEN WATER": A young couple are beginning to drift apart; you can see it on the first night of Daniel and Susan's vacation. On the second night, drifting apart becomes less a relationship issue than a navigational nightmare. The pair end up in a watery predicament — all alone, miles from shore, bobbing like corks in shark-infested waters — after their dive-boat mistakenly leaves without them. — B. Newman. (R: nudity, profanity.) 1 hour, 19 minutes. B+

"OUTFOXED: RUPERT MURDOCH'S WAR ON JOURNALISM":

Left-wing filmmaker Robert Greenwald's attempt to call foul on megamedia owner Rupert Murdoch's exclamation-point news network. The film clearly wants to show viewers the Fox network's conservative agenda, but more than that, to challenge its claim of "fair and balanced." Among those interviewed are Walter Cronkite, comedian Al Franken and cultural critic James Wolcott. — D. Thomson. (Not rated.) 1 hour, 17 minutes. B

"RIDING GIANTS": An homage to big-wave surfing by Stacy Peralta, who explored skateboarding in his previous documentary "Dogtown and Z-Boys." Here he visits the pioneers of the sport, the Mavericks on the Central California coast, and finally Hawaii, where Laird Hamilton et al. tackled the most giant waves of all. A bit gushy, but thrilling. — M. Pols. (PG-13: language.) 1 hour, 42 minutes. B

"SHREK 2": This is a sequel every bit as funny and imaginative as the original, and twice as tender and wise. Mike Myers is back as Shrek, with Cameron Diaz as his lovely — and very plump and green — Fiona, and, of course, Eddie Murphy as the wisecracking Donkey. Best thing about both movies is the way they deconstruct fairy-tale notions. — C. Kelly. (PG: crude humor.) 1 hour, 32 minutes. A

"SPIDER-MAN 2": A rare sequel, just as nifty as its predecessor and blessed with some indescribably exhilarating moments. But along with the thrilling action, director Sam Raimi takes his Spidey (Tobey Maguire) to emotional depths. It's more romantic than the original, too (with Kirstin Dunst as the sexy-sweet love interest), plus it's got a sense of humor. — M. Pols. (PG-13: stylized

action, violence.) 2 hours, 5 minutes. A-

"SUPER SIZE ME": This anti-junk-food documentary manages to entertain even as it informs and alarms. Filmmaker Morgan Spurlock — in excellent physical shape at the beginning of his film — sets out to investigate the health effects of an all-McDonald's diet. In just one month, he gains 25 pounds while his health plummets. Scary, yes, but Spurlock's light touch as a filmmaker, his eye and ear for irony, and his easy good humor leaven the disturbing statistics. — M. O'Sullivan. (Not rated.) 1 hour, 38 minutes. B-

"THUNDERBIRDS": Making a live-action version of this cult kiddie show from the '60s is like rounding out the edges on a Picasso painting to render it more realistic. In this version, the Tracy family men — ace pilots all — spend most of the movie helplessly marooned on a disabled satellite. It's up to the untested youngest son and his adolescent cohorts to defeat the nefarious Hood (Sir Ben Kingsley). — D. Hiltbrand. (PG: mild violence.) 1 hour, 34 minutes. C-

"TOUCH OF PINK": Alim (Jilmi Mistry) and his mom, Nuru (Suleka Mathew), are Ismaili Muslims of Indian heritage in this "coming-out" story. Alim lives in London, where he's built a solid relationship with Giles, while back home in Toronto, Nuru wonders when he's going to settle down with a nice South Asian girl. She decides to go to London to press the issue and your basic my-mom-is-coming-panic ensues. Alim talks his out-and-proud partner into pretending to be just a roommate. — B. Strauss. (R: sexual content, brief language.) 1 hour, 32 minutes. B

"THE VILLAGE": Another twisted

mystery from director M. Night Shyamalan. Residents of a remote 19th century village are terrorized by creatures that live in the surrounding woods. A young blind woman (Bryce Dallas Howard, director Ron's daughter) wants to brave the woods and get medicine from the nearby towns to save the life of her beloved (Joaquin Phoenix). The twist is easy to predict and the frights are at a minimum, but it's all skillfully rendered and Howard is a true find. With William Hurt, Sigourney Weaver and Adrien Brody as a very fine village idiot. — M. Pols. (PG-13: scene of violence, frightening situations). 2 hours. B-

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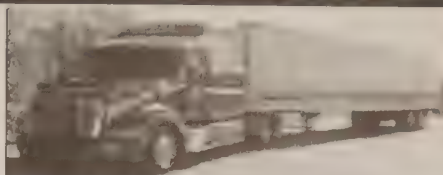
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## Children

■ Does your child have a pleasant voice and like to sing? The **Arlington Children's Choir**, based in Kensington, will be holding auditions in September for boys and girls age 8-14. This is a new choir and focus is on performing around the Bay area and on our tour in England, next spring. Your child will also learn basic music reading and sight singing as well as the performing repertoire. Contact Shanti Moorjani (the director) for an audition appointment to be held on Wednesday, Sept. 1 and Wednesday, September 8. The number is (510) 843-7745.

■ Check out books from the **Berkeley Richmond Jewish Community Center Library**. Spend quality time with your kids, meet with the children's librarian, research your Jewish roots or check out best sellers. The library is at 1414 Walnut St. Hours: 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday through Thursday, 8:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Tuesdays. 848-0237.

## Community

■ The Ecology Center's newest **Berkeley farmers market** celebrates its grand opening at Shattuck Avenue at Rose Street, with special guests Chef Alice Waters and Mayor Tom Bates. The free market will feature all organically grown produce. The grand opening is Aug. 26, 3-7 p.m. Regular hours are Thursdays, 3-7 p.m. 510-548-3333; [www.ecology-center.org](http://www.ecology-center.org).

■ Saturday, Aug. 28, Rhythm & Muse returns with a **Neruda Centennial Tribute Open Mic**. Open mic sign-up 6:30 p.m., reading/performance 7 p.m. Admission free. Piano & 2 mics available. Berkeley Art Center, 1275 Walnut St., between Euclid and Rose streets. 510-527-9753.

■ The 13th annual **Alta Bates Summit Celebrity Golf and Tennis Classic** benefits the medical center's nationally recognized substance-abuse program. Thunder Road. Jim Courier and John Lloyd headline the celebrity tennis event on Saturday, Sept. 18. Watch 30-plus sports and entertainment celebrities compete with sponsored tennis players on six courts at the Berkeley Tennis Club. Followed by a star-studded gala dinner at the Claremont Resort. Tickets to the celebrity tennis event cost \$25 and include a box lunch; children 10 and under are free. Tickets to the gala dinner are also available. For more info or tickets, visit [www.abstfn.org](http://www.abstfn.org), or call 510-204-1667. The Alta Bates Summit Celebrity Golf Tournament kicks off the week at the Diablo Country Club. Golfers will tee off on Monday, Sept. 12 for a day competing with local pros and celebrities. Tickets to the golf tournament cover a round of golf, lunch and a celebrity gala dinner.

■ The Arlington Community Church in Kensington would like to invite singers in the neighborhood to a **Potluck Sing-through** of their fall and Christmas music. Potluck starts at 5 p.m., singing starts at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Aug. 25 at the Arlington Community Church, 52 Arlington Ave., in Kensington. Call Leslie, the choir director at 843-7745 or the church 526-9146 for further information.

■ Prospect Sierra School, 960 Avis Drive in El Cerrito, offers "**Community Country Dances**" Contra, circle, and couple dances from 8 p.m. to 11 p.m. on the second Friday of each month. An intro class is offered at 7:30 p.m. All dances are done to live fiddle music and prompted by caller, Kirston Koths. No partners are required. Beginners are welcome. Cost is \$10. Wear clean, no marking shoes. For more information, call 510-233-7929.

## Exhibits

■ Albany Arts Committee presents "**Here We Are: Scenes from Not-So-Far Away**," paintings of Albany by Kanna Aoki, in the Albany Community Center and Library's Foyer Gallery, 1249 Marin Ave., through Oct. 7. Details: 510-524-9283.

■ Judah L. Magnes Museum, 2911 Russell St., continues its exhibit "**A Voice Silenced**," through Sept. 19. The exhibition, by Diane Neumaier, is in memory of Leonore Schwarz Neumaier. Gallery hours: 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday through Wednesday, 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. Thursday. For more information, call 510-549-6950 or visit the Web site at [www.magnes.org](http://www.magnes.org).

■ Giorgio Galardi, 2911 Claremont Ave., Berkeley. Presents "**An Angel Is My Watermark**" through Aug. 30. Monoprints by Elizabeth Addison and her printmaking students from Studio 1509 in Berkeley. For more info about Elizabeth: [www.studio1509fineart.com](http://www.studio1509fineart.com). 510-848-1228. Wednesday-Friday, 1-6 p.m., Saturday and Sunday 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

■ UC Berkeley Art Museum and Pacific Film Archive, 2626 Bancroft Way, near UC campus, continues its 34th annual **UC Berkeley Master of Fine Arts Graduate exhibition** through Aug. 29. Gallery hours: Wednesday to Sunday 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., Thursday 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Admission: general admission \$8; seniors and students 12 to 18 years \$5; BAM/PFA members, UC Berkeley students, staff and faculty and children under 12 free. For more information, call 24-hour recorded message 510-642-0808.

## Film/dance/stage

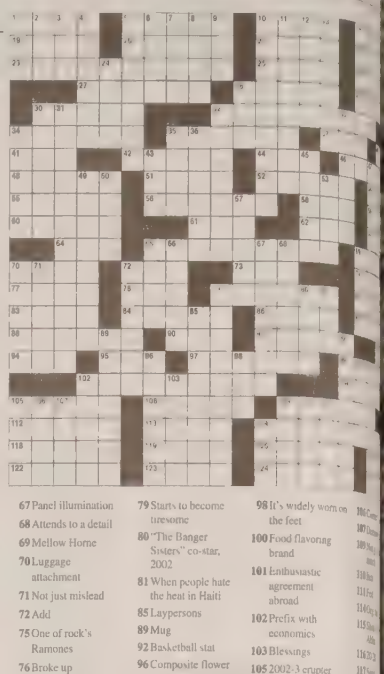
■ Stage Door Conservatory presents 25 talented local teenage actors performing "**Annie**" Aug. 13, 14 at 7 p.m. and Aug. 15 at 5:30 p.m. at the Julia Morgan Center for the Arts, 2640 College Ave., Berkeley. Tickets are sliding scale: Adult: \$15-20 (age 21-64); child: \$7.50-15 (age 3-14); student: \$10-15 (under 21); senior: \$10-15 (over 65). Tickets available at the door.

■ Contra Costa Civic Theatre, 951 Pomona Ave., El Cerrito, presents "**My**

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**Fair Lady** Lerner and Loew's "lovely" musical based on Shaw's "Pygmalion," through Aug. 14 on Fridays and Saturdays at 8 p.m. and selected Sundays at 2 p.m. Tickets: \$12-20. Contra Costa Civic Theatre, (510) 524-9132. [www.cctc.org](http://www.cctc.org).

## Literary events

■ Live readings of short fiction: **Authors Reading Writers: Celebrating Writing through Live Readings**, "America at War," a story by Tim O'Brien and letters from Andrew Carroll's book, "War Letters." Monday, Aug. 2, 7:30 p.m. at Berkeley City Club, 2315 Durant Ave. between Telegraph and Ellsworth. Free and open to the public.

## Meetings/lectures

■ Ecology Center, 2530 San Pablo Ave., hosts a free discussion on **Who Owns Water? Protecting the World's Water from Corporate Takeover** on Thursday, Aug. 19, from 7-9 p.m. With Juliette Beck and John Giber of Public Citizen's Water for All Campaign. 510-548-2220, ext. 233.

■ **One Lively Evening With Paul Krugman**, in conversation with Larry Bensky, takes place Friday, Aug. 13 at 8 p.m. at Martin Luther King Jr. Middle School, 1781 Rosa St., Berkeley. Tickets: \$15 advance, \$20 door. Details and tickets: 510-848-6767, ext. 611 or [www.kpla.org](http://www.kpla.org), or available at East Bay independent bookstores: Black Oak, Cody's (both stores), Diesel a Bookstore, Global Ex-

change Store, Pegasus (both stores), Pendragon, Walden Pond, Krugman, Professor of economics and international affairs at Princeton University, writes a column that appears twice a week in The New York Times. It is the first regular Op-Ed column devoted to economics, business and finance.

■ "**Spirituality in Daily Life**" by Arnold Maitland, an introduction to various methods to apply to bring a sense of spirituality into daily life, takes place Saturday, Aug. 21, 3 p.m. at Dharma Publishing, 1910 San Pablo Ave., Berkeley. Aspects include: Caring for our-

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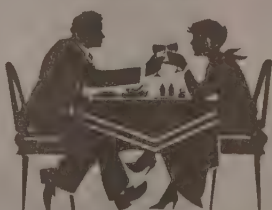
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English Language Program Building,  
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■ **"Voices of Healing"** is a group ex-  
ploring the psychological and spiritual  
dimensions of illness and healing. The

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■ **Overeaters Anonymous**, a 12-step  
program providing free aid for those  
with eating problems, meets in Berkeley  
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■ **TOPS**; 9:30 a.m., Mondays; Take  
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## Music

■ **King David String Ensemble** per-  
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Tuesday, Aug. 17 at 7:30 p.m. This nine-  
member ensemble, comprised of immi-  
grants to Israel from the former Soviet  
Union, is made up of musicians who  
perform with the Jerusalem Symphony  
Orchestra. This performance is pre-  
sented by Berkeley's Congregation  
Beth Israel. For more info visit: [www.juliamorgan.org](http://www.juliamorgan.org); Tickets: adults \$20, stu-  
dents \$15. Details: 925-798-1300.

■ **Down Home Music**, 10341 San Pablo

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p.m. The Frisky Frolics are a wily 5-  
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■ **30th Anniversary of American Soci-**  
**ety for Eastern Arts** — The Center for  
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sic Aug. 20 at 8 p.m. at the Julia Mor-  
gan Center for the Arts in Berkeley. The  
event honors T. Balasaraswati, Luise  
Scripps and the American Society for  
Eastern Arts, which is marking its 30th  
anniversary. The gathering, which re-  
unites ASEA students and faculty, fea-  
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Friday, August 13, 2004



**BILL MANN**  
Multimedia Notes

## DeGeneres gives KNTV a boost

**T**HE KNTV programming executive who bought Ellen DeGeneres' weekday talk show, "Ellen," deserves a fat bonus. The offbeat show's doing well in the local Nielsen's: It's moved into a solid second place at 4 p.m. behind KGO's perennial powerhouse "Oprah."

The time spot is a key one for local stations: It's the lead-in to stations' cash-generating 5 p.m. local newscasts. The success of "Ellen" has given Channel 11's mediocre 5 p.m. news show a noticeable (if largely undeserved) boost in the ratings.

The help hasn't extended to Tom Brokaw and NBC, however: "NBC Nightly News" at 5:30 is routinely drubbed in the Bay Area Nielsen by Peter Jennings' ABC newscast on Channel 7 at that hour.

**LOCAL TV FALL-OFF:** It's sad to see once-proud KRON reduced to running big blocks of infomercials. Where once you had news and soaps, now it's gripping fare such as "6-Second Abs." KRON's ratings from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. flatline daily when these glorified commercials run.

NBC's loss of ratings in the country's fourth-largest market has, you can be sure, made more than one top New York G.E. exec kick himself for allowing Young Broadcasting to buy KRON a decade ago. The last I heard, Channel 4 was still on the block — and still overpriced.

The success of "Ellen" has hurt KRON's once-strong "Judge Judy," also at 4 p.m., which is running out of gas as Judge Sheindlin's act gets stale. Maybe J.J. will make the losing parties in her courtroom eat worms, or worse. (Don't laugh — in the amoral world of TV, it could happen.) As for KRON's one ratings bright spot, the tiresome "Dr. Phil" at 8 p.m. — in effect, it's Channel 4's prime time — is finally starting to slip in the ratings: One recent evening, for example, it was tied for fourth (along with KQED) in its time spot.

KRON's early 9 p.m. newscast, however, has been a solid performer, often getting better ratings than lead-in Dr. Phil, who's recently resorted to having his "marriage encounter" couples slap each other's faces.

**ENVIRO-LARRY:** Talk host Michael Krasny of KQED's "Forum" seems to get all the best on-stage interviews. Last winter, for example, Krasny did one-on-ones with Monty Python alum John Cleese at Esalen Institute benefits in San Rafael and San Francisco.

And on Oct. 1, Krasny will interview Larry David, star of HBO's Emmy-nominated "Curb Your Enthusiasm" (currently TV's funniest series) and co-creator of "Seinfeld," at San Francisco's Herbst Theatre. It's a sold-out benefit for the National Resources Defense Council.

Krasny admits he's a "big fan" of David's HBO series.

In a funny recent interview with L.A. Weekly, the self-absorbed David credited his environmentalist wife, Laurie, a strong NRDC supporter, with his unlikely transformation.

"I, Larry David, the shallowest man in the world, became an environmentalist when I married her," he said.

Viewers may have noticed that David drives a Prius in his HBO comedy series.

**CONVENTIONAL FAIRE:** With the Republican convention coming up later this month, the GOP's convention Web page recently announced its theme: "Compassion Across America." (I'm serious.) Jay Leno may have come up with a better one: "Ask Yourself: Is the rich guy you're working for better off than he was four years ago?"

Conan O'Brien, whose NBC talk show follows Leno's: "Both candidates were recently in Davenport, Iowa, at the same time. Sort of weird. It gave voters the choice of being scared or bored to death."

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# Fabulous pet food for Fido

By Joan Morris  
STAFF WRITER

Old Mother Hubbard might have needed some assistance in managing her household budget, but some pet owners and veterinarians approve her choice of pet food. Giving her dog a bone — one with some meat on it along with a side of fresh vegetables — is the best thing, they say, she could do for the pup.

A growing number of pet owners are canning the Alpo and tossing out the kibble in exchange for natural and raw pet foods — sometimes called designer pet food — that they say provide the healthiest diet possible for our domesticated wild things.

They point to the diets dogs and cats ate long before Morris starting pushing kitty chow or Gravy Train rolled into town. Dogs and cats ate what humans ate or what they could catch on their own, and they were the better for it.

"I have so many clients and so many stories," says Alameda veterinarian Kristina Dallas. "You hate to call them miraculous, but they are. And when you start to see so many miracles, you have to question why."

Dallas, who works at Alameda Pet Hospital, is a natural food convert. She's seen chronic intestinal illnesses and skin diseases clear up immediately with the food change, while diseases such as diabetes become more manageable. The coats thicken and shine, eyes clear, energy returns.

Little wonder, Dallas says. She thinks that feeding animals a steady diet of processed pet food is something akin to humans eating breakfast, lunch and dinner at McDonald's. In fact, she says, that would be healthier than the pet food.

"I don't preach (natural diets) to everyone," Dallas says. "If the animal looks good, then I don't recommend a change. It's also more expensive to go to natural foods, so you have to take that into account. But when there's a problem, that's where we should look."

## A tough battle

Designer pet food purveyors tend to be small companies feeling their way through the mine fields of the highly competitive pet food industry. They battle not only



BARBARA POLLAK FOR THE HILLS

the resources of national pet food manufacturers, but the perception, even among veterinarians, that brand-name foods provide the healthiest diets for animals.

Veterinarians receive little training in pet nutrition, Dallas says, and like pet owners, rely on reading the labels and trusting what they read. We look for food made with meat and scan those tiny labels in search of the magical "meets 100 percent of nutritional requirements."

But not all meat is rendered equally, Dallas says, and it's hard

to say how much of those nutritional additives are being utilized by your pet's metabolism.

Most pet foods, even premium brands, are made with meat byproducts, which include everything not fit for human consumption. That, Dallas says, would be feathers, feet, tumors and abscesses. It is all carved from the animals and placed in barrels, which are shipped to pet food manufacturers. Processing it removes any dangers to pets,

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## WANT TO LEARN MORE?

Interested in natural or raw foods for your pets? Dr. Kristina Dallas, an Alameda veterinarian, recommends two books to her clients: "Dr. Pitcairn's Complete Guide to Natural Health for Dogs & Cats" by Richard H. Pitcairn and Susan Hubble Pitcairn; and "The Nature of Animal Healing: The Definitive Holistic Medicine Guide to Caring for Your Dog and Cat" by Dr. Martin Goldstein.

# Author shakes foundation of quake myths

David Ulin will read from his new, inquisitive book at Cody's on Telegraph Avenue

By Suzanne LaFetra  
CORRESPONDENT

Earthquakes don't shake up David L. Ulin the way they do other people. In fact, since he began work on his latest book, "The Myth of Solid Ground: Earthquakes, Prediction, and the Fault Line Between Reason and Faith," Viking Press

**WHERE:** Cody's Books, 2454 Telegraph Ave., Berkeley  
**WHEN:** Thursday, Aug. 19, 7:30 p.m.  
**COST:** \$2 suggested donation  
**INFORMATION:** 510-845-7852 or [www.codysbooks.com](http://www.codysbooks.com)

psyches, by shattering what may be our most widely held illusion, the inviolability of solid ground."

Ulin peers into the crevasse between science and prediction, delving into what John McPhee has termed "Geopoetry." In doing so, he unearthed some colorful characters, self-termed predictors and "sensitives," those individuals who claim to have aches and pains that are precursors to shakers.

When Ulin began researching the book, he assumed he would find that scientists were conservatively rooted in their beliefs, and that the fringier elements — the predictors — were helping to push the boundaries of science. But he came away with a greater appreciation for what both the kooks and knowledgeable have added to this very young science of seismology.

Ulin reminds us that the study of earthquakes is still in its infancy, that we're not even two centuries away from the predawn of seismic history.

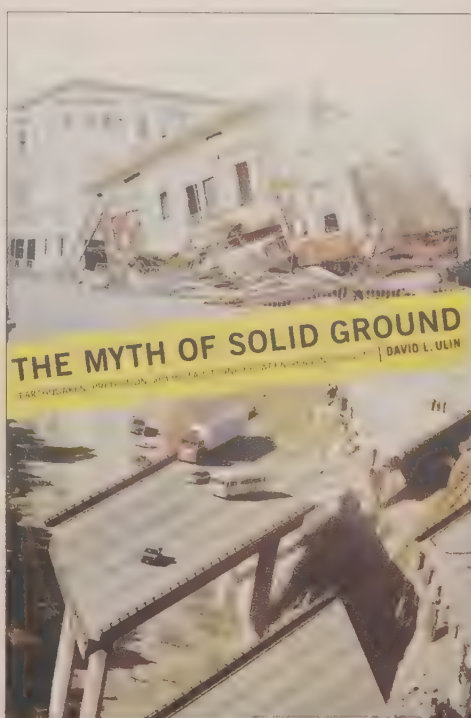
"There are tortoises and trees still alive that are older than this, cathedrals begun beforehand that remain unfinished. ..." he writes. The modern seismograph wasn't invented until 1885, after all, and the theory of plate tectonics was still solidifying 30 years ago. The truth is, we know extremely little about earthquakes. "The best informed seismologist is hard pressed to explain how earthquakes function; it's one of the

## IF YOU GO

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**AUTHOR DAVID ULIN** became fascinated with earthquakes after moving to California. In "The Myth of Solid Ground" he delves into the world of seismology, examining science and prediction.

great unresolved geologic mysteries, a major reason why many scientists now doubt prediction will ever be a workable tool," Ulin writes.

What scientists are beginning to understand, however, is that earthquakes, when viewed through the long lens of geological time, do not appear to be random. "They only appear random in terms of human chronology," Ulin says. For Ulin, that suggests an order to the world,

perhaps even an intelligence in the universe. He says, "There's a kind of logic to the physical geological function of the planet and I find that to be a deeply reassuring notion."

It sounds nearly religious. Ulin loosely identifies with a Taoist philosophy. "But I don't believe in the Judeo-Christian god, the white-bearded, vengeful, social conservative," he says, laughing.

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David Ulin



## Version so level of 'Birdie'

**I**F YOUR Boston "sweet bird of song" is going south — or at least maybe you need a different song — here's a ticket for turning furrows to laughter.

Of course, you'll want folks probably have guessed the answer to "Birdie." The 1960s Alameda Civic Light Opera mid-season offering, directed by ACLO as the Happy Face on the Gap." Nicely said, Alameda High School teacher Fred Chacon, the show, a 1995 student show with a difference.

"That show was Chacon says, "but Birdie" has adults who worked professional entire level is much dancing is more the characters — adults — more before.

"Birdie" plays at 8 p.m. and Saturday, and Sunday at Kofman 2220 Central Ave. Tickets are \$22 in at 8 p.m., and Aug. Tickets are \$22 in at the door. Call 510- on go on-line at [www.birdie.org](http://www.birdie.org)

The original Broadway prize hit jump-started career of Dick Van Dyke starred as Albert. The hapless producer-manager whose teenage idol Conrad like Elvis — about to be into the army.

Albert's long-term Rosie (a role originally Chita Rivera) drama scheme to have across America enter to give Birdie one last the Ed Sullivan show goes off to the service.

Well, you remember You may even leave a rium humming the song "Put on a Happy mask" by Charles by Lee Adams.

**HELLO, G'BYE!** Mark Wimple, actor and producer who the far-too-long-missed stage of Contra Costa Theatre, 951 Pomona Cerrito, is coming Sunday, Aug. 22, with new comedy, "Red."

As usual — drama — another of Mark and one-shot jobs. The performance starts at 7 p.m. \$5. Reservations highly recommended. Call 510-845-7852.

**IMPACT'S FLUFFIES:** Impact Theatre's 9th season Aug. "Fluffy Bunnies in a Daisies" by Matt O'Neil, directed by Ryan O'Neil. Plays at 8 p.m. Thursday and Saturday, Oct. 2 at La Val's Theatre, 1834 Euclid. Tickets are \$15 for seniors, students and members. Call 510-845-7852.

"Fluffy Bunnies" is described as "A play for women, and a play for complex" — beyond not going without a and a big stick.

**ORINDA DOES IT:** Orinda Starlight Theatre concludes the 2004 season Aug. 27 with Allen's "Don't Drink" Plays at 8:30 p.m. Saturdays through Sept. 12 at 4 p.m. Tickets are \$15 for general, \$7 for seniors, sold at the outdoor theatre at 26 Orinda Way. Call 5530 or 925-253-1100.

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Section D

WAVE VAN SICKLE  
Down the Road

There comes  
scrutiny for  
addicts

MOTOR MATTERS  
You might say that those who  
depend on a cellphone stuck  
in their ears deserve to get some  
scrutiny, but bad as it  
is, Bluetooth isn't one of them.  
Bluetooth is a strange  
new technology that  
can help addicted cell-  
phone users avoid the legal penal-  
ties of using their phones while

driving. A number of states pro-  
hibit the use of a handheld cell-  
phone while driving. For example,  
in Washington, D.C., the  
penalty is a \$100 fine and 1 point  
on the driving record. So, if you  
use your phone while driving,  
you're way to do it legally is with  
a hands-free headset or  
other paraphernalia that  
keeps the phone away from your

mouth. Those who don't want to fool  
around with the wires and other stuff  
attached to the hands-free  
device might lie with  
Bluetooth. Forget about the name  
and focus on what this new  
technology can do for you. Blue-  
tooth is a wireless technology very  
much like a wireless system that  
links computers in a home net-  
work. It's so-called "hot spots" in  
coffee shops. And it  
works on cellphones, too.  
It's the most other new

ROAD, Page D2



**YOWZA!** When Tom Keane says it's good, buyers can believe him. In the case of the Altima, we're saddling up and jockeying for the keys.

## Watch the cartwheels, Tom: Our reviewer flips for the updated Altima

BY TOM KEANE  
MOTOR MATTERS

There are two words to describe  
the 2005 Nissan Altima. For the de-  
sign of the exterior, the word is  
"stimulating." For the interior the  
word is "wow!"

Nissan has given this four-door  
sedan another facelift and now the  
exterior appears more aggressive  
and bold. The front fascia is  
smooth, even though it has the fa-  
miliar Nissan grille touched off with  
what the manufacturer calls  
"smoked headlamps." This new  
look has a wedge-shaped design

with a high waistline. To make this  
aggressive appearance even more  
assertive, my tester sat on 17-inch  
alloy wheels.

There are two new colors for the  
2005 models: Majestic Blue and  
Coral Sand. I seldom mention a  
car's paint finish but the Majestic  
Blue on my tester was a real eye-  
catcher. I heard others comment  
about the color, too.

After doing a quick walk-around,  
I was itching to get inside, and that's  
where the "wow" came out. The en-  
tire interior has been redone, and  
the very first thing I noticed was the  
design of the instrument panel. Nis-

**TOM KEANE**  
Keane on Wheels

san calls it a three-gauge cockpit  
instrument pod with just the right  
touch of chrome accent. It has a  
new illumination system for better  
visibility, and meters to display the  
driving time, average speeds, fuel  
consumption and distance to  
empty. Although my tester didn't  
have one, a DVD navigational sys-  
tem is available.

There are many other features  
available as options that my tester

didn't have, such as leather seats.  
I had cloth covering. I mention that  
to point out that you can somewhat  
customize your Altima to your lik-  
ing. My tester only had two options:  
Floor and trunk mats and a Sport  
Package that added \$2,750 bring-  
ing the total to \$27,060. The Sport  
Package includes the sunroof and  
spoiler, as well as a Bose audio sys-  
tem and xenon headlamps.

Altima is a four-door midsize  
sedan that seats five passengers  
very comfortably. Should all five  
passengers be carrying luggage,  
there is plenty of room in the trunk.  
There are numerous thoughtful

features throughout. For example,  
it offers a remote keyless entry with  
driver and passenger window-down  
to cool the car as you approach it.  
The valet key has a trunk cancel  
switch for keeping stored items se-  
cured. That security includes being  
able to lock the 60/40 fold-down  
rear seats. The leather-wrapped  
steering wheel also contains some  
control switches. It even has a tilt  
and telescoping steering column. I  
was wowing at just about everything  
as I examined the interior.

Another attractive feature is the

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Another attractive feature is the engine. I drove the Altima 3.5 SE model that was powered by a 3.5-liter, DOHC 24-valve V6 engine. This en-

Some new car models, such as the Acura TL, offer a built-in Bluetooth interface, so all you need to do is have your cellphone somewhere in the car and you can place and answer calls with voice activated commands through a speak-

gine produces 250 horsepower and 249 pounds-foot of torque. The Nissan people proudly point out that Ward's Auto World has recognized this engine as one of the "Ten Best Engines" for nine consecutive years. They have good reason to be boastful for the engine is a perfect match for this car. A four-cylinder engine is available, but once you've tried the V-6, you won't want to downgrade to the weaker engine. And the

stronger engine is rated 20 miles per gallon city and 30 mpg highway.

My tester had a five-speed automatic transmission with a gated shifter to enjoy the benefits of manually shifting up and down when pushing the car to the max. The suspension is solid, firm and comfortable.

Bottom line: If you're looking for a car to bring out the "wow" in you, take the 2005 Nissan Altima for a test-drive and see what happens.

NISSAN ALTIMA 3.5 SE

Vehicle Type	Five-passenger four-door midsize sedan
Suggested Retail	\$23,750
Price as Tested	\$27,060
Engine Type	V6 DOHC 24-valve w/SMPFI
Displacement	3.5-liter
Horsepower	250 at 5800 rpm
Torque	249 at 4400 rpm
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Wheelbase	102 inches
Track (front/rear)	61/61 inches
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# W Bug lacks speed, but makes up for it with charm

BY VERN PARKER

Hanson was in the Army, in 1986, the year Emily was born. He was a mechanic at a garage that specialized in Volkswagens. He had grown up in Waukegan, Wis., where his father often had Volkswagen delivery cars and he was used to keeping them running. Now that he was back in Wisconsin, he decided it was time to get a car. He was looking for something that was better than his first car, a 1968 VW Beetle. He wanted something that was a little more modern, but still had that classic VW charm. He decided on a 1958 VW Beetle. He was looking for something that was a little more modern, but still had that classic VW charm. He decided on a 1958 VW Beetle.

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was inside the car on the back seat, he recalls, and it had two engines, the spare one lodged where the right front seat should have been. The car had to be dragged out of the weeds because the wheels wouldn't turn. Smacking them with a sledgehammer loosened them, Hanson remembers.

He saw something in the car that eluded everyone else who saw it: Fond memories. So he did the only practical thing he could do, and bought it. With a pair of boat trailer lights attached to the rear of the Beetle, and the front secured to a tow bar behind Hanson's pickup, father and daughter headed north and the completion of their great adventure.

"It's 826 miles from Huntsville to Beaver Dam," Hanson says. His father, Thomas, was enthusiastic when shown the VW. Before the trip, Hanson had warned his wife, Jody, that, "something might follow me home." Once he had unhitched the VW and secured it in a garage, he

noticed that the cords were showing through the rubber on the left rear 5.60x15-inch tire.

Records indicate the car was built in Wolfsburg, West Germany on June 26, 1958 and was delivered to the original owner in Anchorage, Alaska, on July 4, 1958.

"It was a well-traveled little fellow," Hanson observes. He says his VW was a bare bones car with no extras. With his father's assistance, Hanson tore apart the ugly, green 1,565-pound car — cataloging everything. Rust dictated that a new factory floor pan be installed. All four fenders had kissed too many obstacles to be ironed out, so four new fenders were found in Denmark.

"The most expensive parts of the car," Hanson says, "were the reproduction chrome bumpers with overriders. The trunk handle, door handles and rear 'T' handle were all replaced, along with the dashboard chrome trim." The air-cooled four-cylinder, 73-cubic-inch engine and the four-speed manual transmission were rebuilt and a new clutch was installed.

Five pints of oil keep the 36-horsepower engine lubricated. The gasoline tank under the front hood has a 10.5-gallon capacity. There is

no gas gauge, therefore, a one-gallon reserve tank can be activated with the turn of a lever. Fuel economy is advertised at about 32 miles per gallon. Even with a new fuel pump and carburetor, Hanson says, "72 miles per hour is all it has."

The well-balanced VW rides on a 94.5-inch wheelbase and when new, Hanson says, it had a base price of \$1,705. Driving is made easy because VW enlarged the rear window on the 1958 models for vastly improved visibility. Six years to the month after the VW was dismantled, it was back together again in time for the Beaver Dam Father's Day car show. Now it appears wearing a coat of glacier blue metallic paint with a blue and gray leatherette interior.

"It's not the quickest car in the world," Hanson says. "It takes a while to get there." He reminds us of the Beetle's durability by saying, "Set the valves every 3,000 miles and it'll run forever."

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POCKET ROCKET, but John Hanson's 1958 VW Bug is a worldly little fellow. Born in Germany, it made stops in Alaska and before coming home to the great state of Wisconsin.

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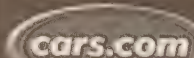
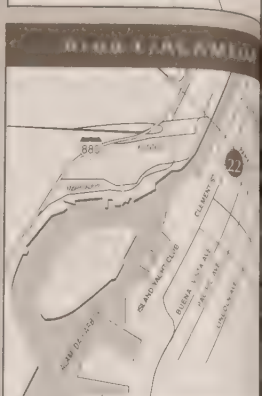
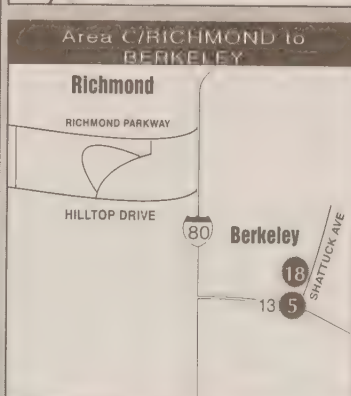
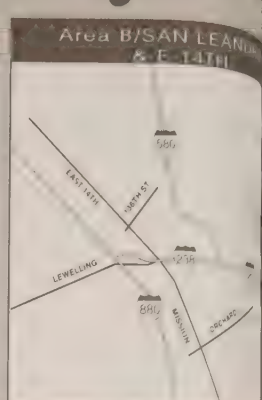
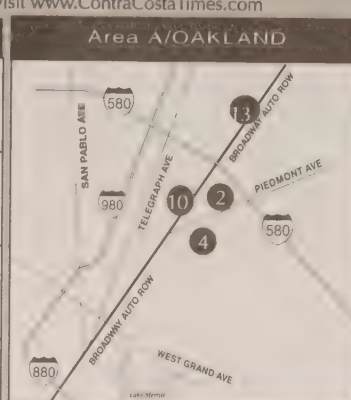
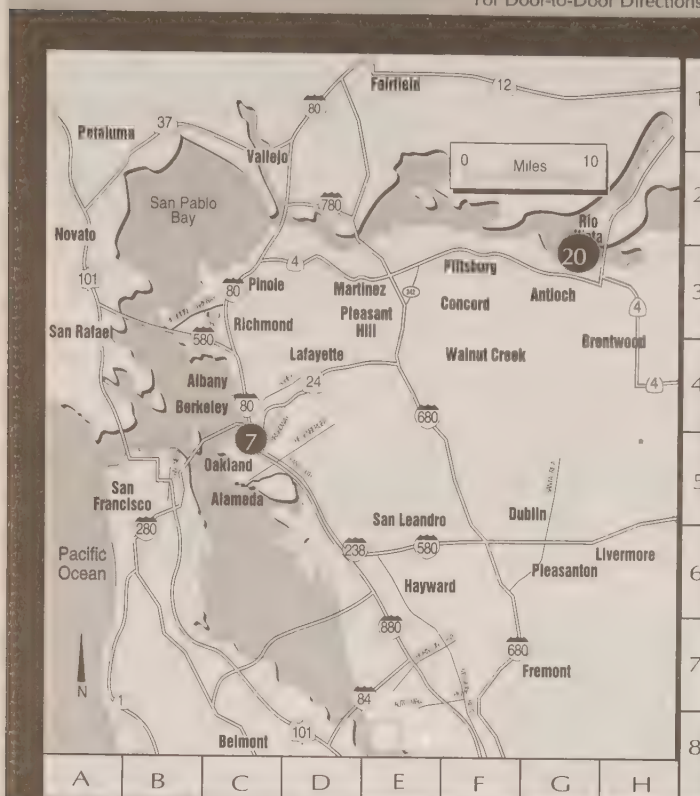
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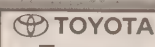
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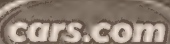
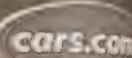
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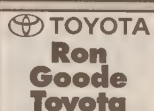
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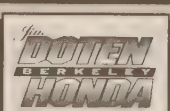
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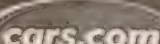
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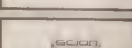
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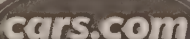
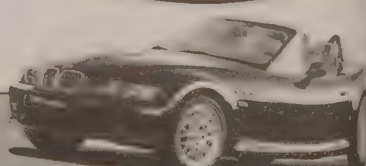
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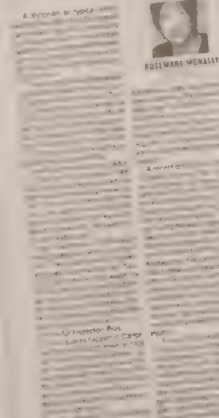
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## DIRECTOR, EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT

With over 50,000 patient visits per year, the Director, Emergency Services has 24-hour operational responsibility to assure the delivery of appropriate and quality emergency services to our valued patients. You'll lead and provide positive direction to the department's supervision team to ensure efficient operation. Position requires BSN or Bachelor's in Health Care Administration along with current RN licensure/ACLS certification. The ideal candidate should possess 3-5 years previous acute care management experience. Experience with track and REMS strongly preferred. We offer an excellent executive compensation/benefits package.

## LABORATORY MANAGER

In this challenging position, you'll have operational responsibility to assure the processing of appropriate and quality patient diagnostics, tests and reporting of results for Laboratory Services. In addition, the Laboratory Manager ensures compliance with hospital standards of care through effective staffing, budgeting, monitoring and evaluation of policies, procedures and objectives. The ideal candidate is also a proactive leader who coaches, counsels, disciplines and recognizes/rewards team performance. Position requires Bachelor's Degree in Laboratory Science, Business or Health Care Administration with current Clinical Lab Scientist licensure. A Master's Degree in related business or Health Care Administration field is highly desirable. Previous supervisory experience highly desired.

## NUCLEAR MEDICINE TECHNOLOGIST

We are seeking exceptional candidates to utilize radiopharmaceuticals in order to perform diagnostic procedures. The NMT performs and documents quality control tests to ensure the quality of radiopharmaceuticals and the operation of all instrumentation. Position requires graduation from an accredited School of Nuclear Medicine Technology and Current Nuclear Medicine License as well as complete understanding of Nuclear Medicine methodology, equipment, radiopharmaceuticals, basic radiation physics/biology, computer skills, human anatomy and physiology. Prior/current experience in a hospital environment required.

## PHARMACIST

As a member of the Pharmacy Team at Sutter Delta, you'll ensure the timely and accurate preparation and distribution of Pharmaceutical products within the facility. This position assures that the medication orders are consistent with current medical practice, F.D.A. and drug manufacture recommendations, current literature and/or other information sources. The Staff Pharmacist resolves variations from the above standards with members of the Medical Staff in accordance with established policies and procedures. In addition, you'll also provide information and guidance in the proper administration of medications as necessary for health care providers, patients, and family. Position requires Current Pharmacist License with BS or Pharmacy Degree preferred. Completion of a Pharmacy Residency program is highly desired.

## INFECTION CONTROL COORDINATOR

We are seeking an energetic, proactive candidate to coordinate hospital infection control programs at Sutter Delta Medical Center. The ideal candidate will apply infection control policies and procedures related to the principles of epidemiology and infectious disease control to meet hospital licensing, accreditation, and regulatory standards. You'll also be responsible for the surveillance, prevention, and control of infection, serve as interdepartmental and medical staff consultant as well as the liaison to the Contra Costa County Health Department. Position requires Bachelor's degree in Nursing plus valid RN License along with two to five years of progressively responsible experience in a healthcare setting. Current/previous experience in Infection Control, Epidemiology or Public Health highly desired.

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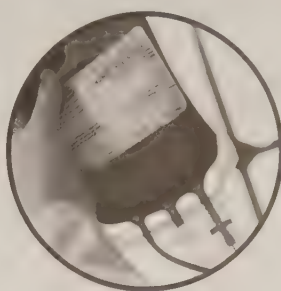
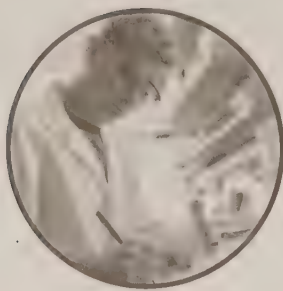
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### DIRECTOR, CLINICAL (MD)

Manage the development and medical monitoring of clinical trials. Design, prepare and initiate study protocols and other required documentation in compliance with project plans, federal regulations, GCP, and good medical practice. Research and select investigators. Analyze and interpret study data and prepare reports for FDA and publication. Requires MD with strong background in Infectious diseases/pediatrics/preventive medicine and familiarity with clinical trials. Vaccine trial experience highly desired. Additional experience in clinical medicine, pharmaceutical medicine and/or regulatory affairs supported by publications preferred. **Please send resume to jobs@chiron.com, referencing job 44001905-KO.**

### PRINCIPAL SCIENTIST, RESEARCH

Experienced scientist skilled in both protein chemistry and mass spec. Will purify proteins and carry out detailed characterization of them for small molecule and therapeutic protein drug development. Working on multiple projects simultaneously, the candidate will be a member of project teams, planning strategy, and serving as the protein expert. Requires PhD in Biochemistry or related area plus minimum of 4 years of postdoctoral experience in a biotech or pharmaceutical setting. Experience managing direct reports a plus. Must be expert at protein purification and mass spectrometry. **Apply at www.chiron.com, referencing job 44001926-RK.**

### SPECIALIST, EH&S

Serve as the lead EH&S representative for Blood Testing and Corporate clients and support the implementation of various Chiron health and safety programs in client areas by conducting incident investigations, periodic safety inspections, and general and subject specific safety trainings. Also, offer and coordinate technical consultation and customer service to clients in all environment, health, and safety program areas such as biosafety, ergonomics, and waste management. Requires BS degree in Health Physics, Chemistry, Biological Sciences, Chemical Engineering or related technical field, with 2-5 years experience preferably in a biotechnology based research and development environment. **Apply at www.chiron.com, referencing job 44001988-DB.**

### DIRECTOR, CORPORATE SECURITY

In this challenging position, you'll provide functional and strategic security guidance for Chiron Corporation at all locations worldwide. Primary accountabilities include monitoring global developments for impacts to Chiron Corporation; conducting security adequacy analysis for Chiron locations globally; developing strategies for continuing threats and unwanted attention; establishing global network of security professionals; evaluating and recommending changes/improvements to executive safety; and providing security guidance on travel issues. Requires BS degree in Law Enforcement or related technical field plus 10-15 years experience as an FBI/CIA/US Marshall/ATF agent or officer of a municipal policing agency. Member of ASIS or similar professional security society preferred. **Please send resume to jobs@chiron.com, referencing job title in the subject box.**

### SUPPLIER MANAGER

Responsible for ensuring supplier conformance to Chiron Blood Testing requirements by managing the supplier relationship with Chiron, focusing on the development, review, and administration of contracts, analyzing supplier capabilities, and reporting supplier performance metrics. Also responsible for developing and managing a supplier certification program with the goal of eliminating incoming inspection; and leading and participating in cross-functional teams responsible for sourcing new suppliers where current ones are inadequate. Requires a BS in Business Administration or related field. MBA preferred. 10-15 years of experience managing the Purchasing or Supply Chain functions in a biotechnology environment. **Apply at www.chiron.com, referencing job 44001956-DB.**

### SCIENTIST II, RESEARCH

Scientist I or II, commensurate with experience. Participate in and perform the design, development, execution and implementation of research projects pertaining to the bioassays department. Experience with enzyme assay development (esp. kinases), enzymology, and high-throughput screening formats is required. Requires PhD in a relevant scientific discipline or equivalent. Postdoctoral work and 1-5 years of related experience is desirable, along with experience with laboratory automation, data management, and a sound knowledge of the drug discovery process. **Apply at www.chiron.com, referencing job 44002451-RK.**

### LABORATORY PLANNING ARCHITECT

Develop programs for a variety of labs and support areas. Primary responsibility will be to meet with end users to determine their needs, design objectives and criteria that define the program; determine the project scope; and coordinate with department project managers and consultants to develop interior plans for the project. Monitor the design and construction process to ensure end user satisfaction, and be familiar with current technology and standards within the industry. Requires degree in Architecture or Facilities Management combined with at least 5 years experience in programming of R&D, pharmaceutical or biotech facility projects. **Apply at www.chiron.com, referencing job 44002101-DB.**

### OCCUPATIONAL NURSE

Assist ill and injured workers to reach maximum health and productivity, coordinating, implementing and evaluating multidisciplinary services that meet the needs of the Chiron population to achieve desired outcomes within designated time frames and business constraints. Requires BA, or MS in Nursing, valid current license to practice as a registered nurse in California. Knowledge of case management, California workers compensation, and state and federal government regulations (OSHA, ADA, FMLA), and three or more years nursing experience in community health, ambulatory care, emergency care or occupational health. **Please send resume, referencing job 44001326-DB, to jobs@chiron.com.**

### RESEARCH SCIENTIST

We seek a highly motivated, organized and detail-oriented scientist for a position in our Translational Medicine group. This individual would be involved in variety of efforts supportive of our goal to discover biomarkers and molecular signatures predictive of patient response to therapy. This person will manage a large Tissue Bank, help to develop a database to support the Tissue Bank, and assist in microarray, genotyping and proteomics-based efforts to identify biomarkers. The successful candidate will enjoy working with others, be forward-thinking and respond well to aggressive deadlines. Experience in cell culture, RNA/DNA/protein preparation, RT-PCR, DNA sequencing, ELISA, western blots, gel-shift assays and analysis of Affymetrix microarray-based mRNA expression data is required. Advanced skills in Microsoft Excel are required and experience with Microsoft Access and database design is a plus. A PhD and at least 2 years post doctoral experience required. **Apply at www.chiron.com, referencing job 44002477-RK.**

### ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR, DEVELOPMENT

Lead a group of 10-15 Scientists and Associates to develop and manufacture small molecule oral formulations to support clinical development and commercialization. Provide technical leadership and project management strategy for small molecule drug product development and interface with cross-functional groups drawn from Research, Development, Operations and Marketing. Requires PhD in the Pharmaceutical Sciences or related discipline with 10+ years of experience in a pharmaceutical R&D environment. A solid understanding of physical chemistry, formulation and process development of oral solid dosage forms, biopharmaceutics and technology transfer is desired. **Apply at www.chiron.com, referencing job 44002306-JS.**

### ANALYST I, QA/QC

Perform microbiology related tasks of all types in support of biopharmaceutical and diagnostics manufacturing and product release. Duties include performing microbial bioassays, Microbial Identifications, performing in process testing of various types, and as needed, sterility testing, endotoxin testing, and supporting the environmental monitoring program. Requires BS degree in Microbiology or related science. 4-6 years experience in the biotechnology or Pharmaceutical Industry. Candidate should have mastery of Microbiological laboratory skills. Mastery of aseptic technique skills, and of the laboratory equipment found in a microbiology lab. **Apply at www.chiron.com, referencing job 44002231-JS.**

### ASSOCIATE II, RESEARCH

Currently seeking a BS or MS level synthetic organic chemist for the discovery and development of novel compounds for new therapeutic applications. Position involves synthesis of novel organic compounds and development of new synthetic methodologies. Drug discovery research applies traditional organic chemistry, medicinal chemistry and pre-development scale-up synthesis. Additionally, Research Associates organize experimental details, record and register results, and perform reactions under the technical supervision of a PhD scientist. Requires BS or MS in Organic Chemistry. Proficiency with operation of common laboratory and analytical equipment and ability to interpret NMR, IR, GC, HPLC and MS reports is also essential. Ability to use MS Office is preferred. **Apply online at www.chiron.com, referencing job code 44002159-RK.**

### MANAGER, QUALITY ASSURANCE

Manage the person-in-the-plant function to provide QA oversight to BioPharma manufacturing operations at Chiron, evaluating manufacturing operations and practices to ensure cGMP compliance. Responsibilities include on-site review of batch record documentation to ensure accurate and timely completion of these records, and providing input to discrepancy investigations to ensure that the investigations are adequate, complete, and properly documented. Requires BA/BS in the Biological Sciences and 5-8 years of relevant experience in biologics manufacturing quality assurance. Knowledge of quality systems which ensure control of drug and biologics manufacturing facilities and processes in accordance with cGMP. Knowledge of biologics and drug manufacturing processes. Thorough knowledge of cGMP for drugs and biologics manufacturing. **Apply at www.chiron.com, referencing job 44000281-JS.**

### ANALYST II, LIMS

Create and maintain the Laboratory Information Management System for Environmental Monitoring and Microbiology in a GMP, Part 11 compliant environment. Construct and perform routine maintenance on LIMS templates using LIMS Basic, maintain change control records on all modifications to templates. Assist in resolution of LIMS questions and/or problems reported by end users. Work with Quality Assurance to ensure that all changes and validation activities are done accurately per established regulations and procedures. Requires BA/BS in a scientific discipline with 3 years work experience with LIMS and a firm understanding of a programming language. General knowledge of data trending, cGMP, software validation and laboratory experience in a QA/QC environment preferred. Experience in qualification and validation testing in a GMP or ISO environment. **Apply at www.chiron.com, referencing job 44002139-JS.**

### MEDICAL ASSISTANT

Provide consistent, quality service to all clients including OHS staff, EH&S, and Chiron employees. Duties include assisting in the administrative functions of the clinic; filing workers' compensation reports, diagnostic tests, summaries into appropriate section in medical chart; faxing physician's or NP's notes, Doctor's First Report (DFR), consultations and other reports to Zurich North America Claims. Requires HS graduate, and successful technical training resulting in Certification as Medical Assistant. Certification as Medical Assistant. **Please send resume to jobs@chiron.com, referencing job 44002401-KO.**

### RESEARCH SPECIALIST

We are seeking a Research Specialist to join the Translational Medicine group. In this position you will be providing practical expertise in biomarker discovery and assay development expertise. Essential skills include cell based assays (cell culture of tumor cell lines and primary cells; transfections; isolation and assays using human cells); molecular biology (RT-PCR; primer design; DNA and RNA electrophoresis; DNA cloning and transformation) and protein chemistry (western blot; immunoprecipitation; production of fusion proteins). You will support projects that span from research projects to commercial programs. Industry experience and previous work with clinical projects are desired. The candidate should also have a clear understanding of research methodologies, as well as prior experience in laboratory implementation of these technologies to support this research. Involves extensive interaction with scientists from multiple disciplines. Requires exceptional teamwork skills and the ability to manage projects at once. Computer expertise and excellent written and oral communication skills are essential. A Bachelor or Master's degree in a scientific discipline with 5-10 years of related experience are required. **Apply at www.chiron.com, referencing job 44002476-RK.**

### AREA BUSINESS MANAGER

**Location: San Diego, CA; territory: S. California and Arizona.**  
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## Crab cakes: The more crab the better

CAROLE KOTKIN

### Here are tips for success

■ To keep the crabmeat from breaking apart, blend wet ingredients with the dried seasonings first. Then add crab and the crumbs.

■ Chill the mixture for at least 30 minutes before forming into cakes; this gives it time to coalesce and helps the crab cakes hold together.

■ An ice cream scoop or ¼- or ½-cup measure is a handy tool for forming the cakes.

■ Make sure the oil is hot before you add the crab cakes. Test it by dropping in a bread crumb; if it immediately sizzles and browns, the pan is ready.

■ Take care not to crowd the pan or the crab cakes will steam rather than brown. Fry them in batches if necessary.

■ After browning on the first side, finish the crab cakes in the oven so they won't get too brown before they are cooked through.

■ After browning, you can hold the crab cakes, covered and refrigerated, for several hours before the final baking. (Add 3 or 4 minutes to the oven time.)

■ Serving suggestions: Serve as a first course on baby greens drizzled with olive oil and balsamic vinegar or as a main course with roasted potatoes and creamy cole slaw.

### OCEAN REEF CLUB CRAB CAKES

Executive chef Philippe Reynaud's plump and juicy crab cakes are one of the most popular items on the menu at the Ocean Reef Club in Key Largo.

1 large egg, lightly beaten  
1 cup mayonnaise  
Scant 1 tablespoon Worcestershire sauce  
1 ¼ teaspoons dry mustard  
1 ½ teaspoons Old Bay Seasoning  
1 pinch cayenne

1 pinch freshly ground white pepper

1-½ teaspoons chopped fresh parsley

1 pound jumbo lump crab meat, picked over

3 cups panko (Japanese bread crumbs), divided

2 tablespoons olive oil

Lemon wedges

Mustard sauce (see note)

Whisk egg, mayonnaise, and Worcestershire sauce together in a large bowl. Whisk in dry mustard, Old Bay seasoning, cayenne, white pepper and parsley.

Gently fold in crabmeat using your hands or a wooden spoon. Add 1 cup of the bread crumbs; toss gently until mixture holds together.

Refrigerate, covered, for 30 minutes.

Heat oven to 400 degrees. Divide crab mixture into 6 portions and form into cakes about 3 inches in diameter. Pour remaining crumbs onto a sheet of wax paper and dip crab cakes in them to coat.

Heat oil over medium-high in an oven-proof, nonstick pan. Working in batches if necessary, sauté the crab cakes until golden brown on first side, about 3 minutes.

Turn cakes and transfer pan to oven; bake about 6 minutes, until golden and cooked through. (Or transfer cakes, browned side up, to a foil-lined baking sheet.)

Garnish with lemon; serve with mustard sauce.

Makes 6 servings.

Note: For mustard sauce, mix ¾ cup mayonnaise, 1-½ teaspoons Dijon mustard, 1-½ teaspoons rice wine vinegar and ½ teaspoon Worcestershire sauce. Refrigerate.

Makes 6 servings.

Carole Kotkin is co-author of "Mmmmm: Tempting Tropical Tastes for Home Cooks Everywhere."



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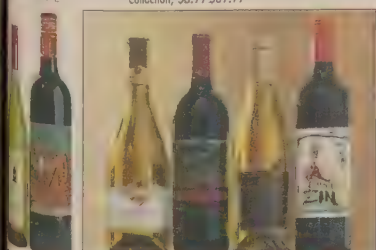
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## Camping made easy: A new kind of tent

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Getting away for less is something that most people look for when planning their late summer getaways. Time spent with friends and family has become more important than some exotic location.

If you are starting to think about this trip, why not consider enjoying the great outdoors on a camping trip? Choose your own surroundings and make yourself the travel agent.

When it comes to shopping for a camping tent, the list of features can get quite long: easy set-up, good quality material/construction, proper ventilation, etc. One of the most important things to look for is the versatility and multi-functioning of the tent. Most ground tents are great for sleeping in, but are not so practical for getting dressed in.

A recent innovation has made camping a whole lot easier. For a long time ground tents were pretty much all that was available and they could be expensive and inconvenient. The tent experts at Napier Enterprises have revolutionized the way we camp with the introduction of vehicle integration camping. This new tent includes a sleeve that fits over the back of your vehicle. Camping and outdoor enthusiasts alike love the idea of having such an adaptable tent; "Getting the most out of your tent is important, it should be your home away from home," says Roman Napier.

The Sportz Full Size SUV Tent adapts to any mid-full size sport utility vehicle as well as any minivan or pick-up truck with a cap. The possibilities are endless in terms of campsite location. Anywhere your

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## Homeowner survey highlights American kitchen chaos

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American families are alarmingly at home in TV star Ray Romano's chaotic on-screen kitchen. In a recent homeowner poll, one in four families say the famous TV kitchen, with its cluttered, outdated look, is all too familiar — and that they need help.

Not everyone can afford the time or money to remodel or add to their kitchen, but some simple steps can help any household curb the chaos and bring its kitchen up-to-date without breaking the bank.

### Hollywood gets it right, says expert in organization

"Hollywood hit the nail right on the head when it designed the kitchen set for 'Everybody Loves Raymond,'" says Andy Wells, design director for Diamond Cabinets, the kitchen organization experts behind the homeowner survey. "Unfortunately way too many homeowners identify with Ray's past-it's-best décor, disorganized look and older cabinetry."

But it's not only looks that matter. In the survey of 1,000 families, 85 percent identified better storage as critical, and more than half said storage and updating would come first in any remodel.

"The role of the kitchen has changed, but most of them just haven't kept up," says Andy Wells. "We now buy bulk groceries with longer shelf lives and expect them to fit into cabinets designed for a different way of life in the '70s and '80s."

With a typical remodel costing anywhere from \$10,000 to \$20,000, adding space can be expensive. But it's not always needed. These four simple steps

can help homeowners update the space they have.

### Plan ahead

Sounds obvious, but in their enthusiasm to get started many homeowners skip planning. This can be a costly mistake. Before you do anything, look at your family's needs, both immediate and long-term. Preschoolers will soon be preteens — would a breakfast bar or nook be a smart addition? Also consider older family members, who may need more space or have difficulty reaching taller cabinets or shelving.

"Design with flexibility for the future," says Wells. "Remodeling without proper planning too often leads to starting all over in five years. Cabinets with adjustable or modular shelving can change with your needs, and can help eliminate this worry."

### Cut where you can

"There are easy ways to save money. For example, relocating windows is a huge investment and can add upwards of \$5,000. But often it's simply how you use the room rather than the layout that needs altering."

Designers always look to put everything in easy reach through a triangular configuration of range, sink and worktop. If you have this already, don't move things around for the sake of change. Working with your existing floor plan can save a fortune.

Needing new appliances will cost you; there's no way around that. But the expense can be offset by cutting costs in other areas where it's easy to still get great results.

Demolition and tear-down is a perfect example. Remove paint,

wall coatings and plaster yourself — all you'll need is some patience and a few basic tools from your hardware store.

A couple hundred dollars to rent a belt floor sander is a smart investment when hiring a professional to finish your floor can cost close to a thousand. Sand three times with 100-, 80- and 50-grit paper, and use a penetrating stain and water-based varnish for best results. When tiling a floor or wall, choose standard tiles without intricate borders or patterns — it'll make locating and buying replacements much easier and cheaper.

### Think inside the box: Solving the biggest kitchen problem

The biggest problem in most kitchens is storage. And smart cabinetry is the solution. The right selection can add a new dynamic to the look of a kitchen, but more important, it can double your storage space.

The trend in cabinetry is to think inside the box. Wells suggests looking for cabinets that offer flexibility in storing items. The Logix line from Diamond Cabinetry, for instance, is designed specifically to increase interior storage space. Doors hold mounted wire baskets for stashing up to 45 pounds of food, and units come with adjustable shelving and pull-out roll trays for easy accessibility.

"Measure around your appliances and fixtures and calculate just how much cabinet space you have to play with. Don't forget about corners, odd shapes and tight spaces. These days, cabinets come in all sizes and configurations to maximize every available

inch," says Wells.

The base pots & pans pullout cabinet offers separate storage areas for pots and pans and their accompanying lids. And the Logix segmented super Susan, the up-to-the-minute granddaughter of the original lazy Susan, puts everything at your fingertips with separate, fully extendible storage sections that maximize tight corner spaces.

### Everything in its place

Restaurant kitchens run like clockwork thanks to the same basic setup of ingredients, seasonings and utensils at every food prep station. For professional chefs, it's all about the art of mise en place, or "everything in its place."

"Our own homes should be like this too, and they can be with a little effort and some simple storage principles," says Wells.

Every item in a kitchen should be stored as close as possible to where it's used. Wall cabinetry close to a range or cooktop should be used for spices, oils, seasonings and small cooking utensils.

Store infrequently used appliances and kitchen gadgets in base cupboards — save the stooping and bending for them. Kitchen knives may look great in a butcher block, but a cutlery cabinet designed specifically for knives near the cooktop will keep them in easy reach while clearing clutter.

These simple steps will save you money, time and effort in getting your kitchen in shape and your life back on track. Visit [www.diamondcabinets.com](http://www.diamondcabinets.com) for more information.

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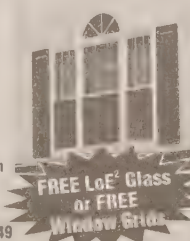
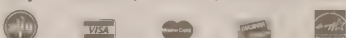
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# Chandeliers create drama, beauty and light throughout the home

ARA  
Chandelier used to mark  
the foyer of a well-appointed  
home and then dazzled you from  
its position over the dining  
table.

Today you find a chandelier  
in any room other than one  
of the entry or dining, more un-  
usual times have changed.  
Chandeliers rate as a bril-  
liant just about anywhere —  
in the most homes to magnificent  
contemporary digs to tra-  
ditional houses. They dangle deco-  
rative in almost every room of the

home. The bigger-is-better build-  
ing of taller ceilings and in-  
creased volume in today's homes  
chandeliers are less likely to  
be lost.

Chandeliers hang from 10-foot ceilings almost  
to fill the room. "I would like something hanging to fill  
the room," says Joe Rey-Barreau,  
consultant for the Amer-  
ican Lighting Association (ALA) and  
professor of interior design  
at the University of Kentucky. The  
ALA is a nonprofit organization ded-  
icated to expanding public knowl-  
edge about lighting in the United  
States and Canada.

Chandeliers create  
drama. Teeny ones  
add elegance to powder rooms,  
while in closets go upscale  
with a small chandelier.  
In laundry rooms and  
any room is an open tar-  
get for a chandelier," adds  
Barreau. "More commonly,  
bathrooms have be-  
come popular locations for chan-  
deliers add twinkle to a  
room. "People are treating their  
bathrooms as more luxurious  
spaces with elaborate  
decor, so it is not unre-  
asonable to consider chandeliers  
there," says Dan Blitzer, di-  
rector of education for the ALA.  
Chandeliers, "or mini chande-  
liers," add a new sense of intimacy  
to rooms and to corner spaces  
of larger ones. "Minis  
are being used as wall  
decor in some instances — and  
they are fantastic," says lighting  
designer Sergio  
Blitzer, whose offices are in New

York. Compact chandeliers are  
inches in diameter to slip  
into light spaces. For added  
consideration grouping them.  
You can hang two small ones  
on either counter and the re-  
sult is gorgeous," says Eileen  
Blitzer, with Schonbek  
Lighting, which has been  
installing chandeliers for 134  
years. "These smaller chandeliers  
work in more modest homes  
where there are 8-foot ceilings."  
Chandeliers have also sized up  
to accommodate the soaring foyers  
of homes. "The demand for  
chandeliers to fill these areas  
has also increased," says  
Blitzer. "A 20-foot ceiling

today is no longer unusual."

The experts at the American  
Lighting Association have spotted  
the following trends in chandeliers:

**Mixed Messages:** Mixing of ma-  
terials and styles within one fixture  
is now a common design trend. It  
is not unusual, for example, to find  
a rustic cast-iron fixture with crys-  
tals hanging from it, or different ma-  
terials and types of glass all incorpo-  
rated into one fixture.

"American styles are decidedly  
eclectic and homeowners today are  
very comfortable mixing styles,"  
says Blitzer. "Chandeliers lend them-  
selves neatly to that process. You  
can look for a chandelier that is in-  
spired by the period reflected in the  
room you are putting it, but you  
don't have to. Many contemporary  
designs are a blend of traditional ele-  
ments with modern materials —  
glass and alabaster with polished  
chrome or satin nickel, which makes  
them work with a variety of styles."

**Color me beautiful:** While  
sparkling clear crystal refracts and  
reflects light, designers offer chan-  
deliers in a rainbow of shades to  
complement decor. Colored crystal  
can combine with clear to create a  
prism of hue. Smokey quartz, rock  
crystal and amethyst offer an an-  
tique feel.

**Finish line:** Chandeliers no  
longer feature just one metal or just  
one finish. The latest looks offer  
multi-tone finishes created by  
painting or chemical processes.

**Mod squad:** The freshest face  
in chandeliers is clean and simple,  
designed to work in more con-  
temporary spaces. "We just introduced  
a dramatic new category of crystal  
product that is very contemporary,"  
says Schonbek. "It features colored  
crystal geometric shapes — cubes,  
rectangles, spirals, pyramids. The  
colors mix together to create auras  
of light for a vibrant rich look."

**Dim it:** Whether they are or-  
nate and multi-armed or simply fea-  
ture a large-scale bowl, chandeliers  
need a dimmer so homeowners can  
control the intensity of light. "Most  
of the time, the lighting capability of  
a chandelier is more than is actu-  
ally necessary to light the space,"  
says Rey-Barreau. "They should al-  
ways be controlled by a dimmer to  
add to the aesthetic appeal."

**Match point:** Once a design  
preference has been identified, the  
chandelier should simply be another  
decorative element. "There is a trend  
to eclectic interiors where traditional,  
transitional and modern will blur  
even within the same room," says  
Rey-Barreau. "The chandelier doesn't  
need to 'match' the decor in a very  
rigid manner. If it works visually  
for the user, then it's fine."

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ing Association, PO Box 420288,  
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**Sizing up the situation**  
Chandeliers are designed to float  
in a room as an important part of  
the decor. Too large and this fixture

will overpower the space. Too small  
and it will look out of place.

"Placing a chandelier that is too  
small in a space is likely the biggest  
mistake because it's very notice-  
able," says Rey-Barreau. "Great de-  
signers, therefore, tend to make their  
decisions on fixtures that may ap-  
pear slightly larger than might be  
appropriate. It's generally always  
best to make the mistake on a fix-  
ture being too big than too small."

To make sure your chandelier is  
the right size for the room in which  
it will hang, consider the following  
questions.

1. How high is your ceiling? Taller  
ceilings demand larger fixtures.
2. What is the size and shape of  
your table? Island? The chandelier  
should complement, not overpower,  
anything you plan to suspend it over.
3. How big is the room you are  
trying to illuminate? Again, be sure  
the chandelier is not too big or too  
small for the room.
4. What is the form and design  
of the chandelier? Light, airy fixtures  
tend to look larger.

## Shopping for a chandelier

Fashionable and functional,  
chandeliers should be incorporated  
into the home just as any deco-  
rative accessory or object of art would  
be chosen.

"I would urge consumers to view  
this purchase with same enjoyment  
they would use in buying fine fur-  
niture," says Blitzer. "A fine chande-  
lier is an investment that will add to  
the value of your home."

To find the right style chandelier  
for your home, simply begin with a  
color or a material that is predomi-  
nant in the decoration scheme of  
the room. What catches your eye in  
the room? What type of statement  
do you want to make? If the room  
is more traditional, choose chan-  
deliers with more ornamentation and  
decorative details. If your home is  
modern, opt for less ornamentation  
and simpler details.

If the choices are not clear, it's al-  
ways best to rely on the help of a  
lighting consultant in a lighting show-  
room to help guide the decision.

"Sometimes, it's simply a matter  
of choosing what feels good," says  
Joe Rey-Barreau. "Lighting consul-  
tants often have design back-  
grounds and help move you in the  
right direction."

When shopping for a chande-  
lier, the American Lighting Associa-  
tion suggests the following tips to  
help you find the fixture of your  
dreams.

**Be prepared:** Visit lighting  
showrooms armed with a photo or  
sketch of space you are trying to  
light. "Fabrics, photos of furniture,  
or images of the house are of great  
help in this process," says Rey-Bar-  
reau. "And don't forget to ask the  
sales associate for assistance."

**Check it out:** Scrutinize the  
chandelier before buying. Look at



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detail and finish quality. Castings  
should be neat out of the mould  
so they look clean. Shades or  
other attachments should sit  
neatly in a plumb fashion. Ask the  
cut and quality of the crystal and  
durability of finishes.

**Light it right:** Be sure to  
choose the correct light bulbs for  
your particular chandelier. Ac-  
cording to the experts, clear bulbs  
in chandeliers with exposed bulbs,  
or crystal glass enclosures will en-  
hance sparkle. In chandeliers with  
linen shades, frosted bulbs cast a  
pleasing glow and won't create  
shadows.

Buy a few extra light bulbs for  
chandeliers at the time of purchase.

Nothing's worse than having a bulb  
go out right before a dinner party.

**Weight there:** Always consider  
the weight of the chandelier. Chan-  
deliers heavier than 50 pounds have  
to be mounted more securely to the  
house's structure. "This is a crite-  
rion of the National Electrical Code,  
and the electrician hanging the fix-  
ture should be aware of this," says  
Rey-Barreau. "It doesn't hurt to re-  
mind them, however."

**More is more:** Don't let a  
chandelier stand alone in a room.  
Like a star, they need a supporting  
cast of characters to help them do  
their job. "A chandelier needs sup-  
plemental lighting around it," says  
Blitzer. "Don't sweat to find the one  
fixture that does everything. It is best  
to achieve a layer of light in the  
rooms with sconces, table and floor  
lamps."

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## The three "C's" of today's upscale home decorating

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Ask interior designers and industry experts across the country what the "hot" trends are in upscale home decorating, and you'd assume their responses would be as varied as the specialties they represent. Interestingly enough, they can all be summed up in three neat categories: comfort, customization, and color.

### Comfort

As in the past few years, the concept of "cocooning," or creating a comfortable family nest in which to relax and be together, shows no sign of abating. Americans are more stressed and time-strapped than ever, and welcome coming home to a soothing, nurturing environment at the end of the day.

According to Refuge owner Sarit Catz, an interior design and home accessory specialist in Short Hills, N.J., great rooms are increasingly popular because they fit so well with the modern lifestyle. Casual styles such as country, or fusions of contemporary/country or European/country, encourage families to kick back and put their feet on the furniture guilt-free.

"As we seek a more relaxed setting, there's a tendency to meld styles to create an effortless casual feel," adds Melissa Teisl, of Jewel Box Frames in Santa Monica, Calif. "Combining traditional character with modern elements can create an effortless, eclectic environment while allowing us to remain connected to our home as a sanctuary."

Cantoni designer Alissa Sutton, ASID, sees such decorating staples as oversized mirrors being used in new, inventive ways. "Rather than hanging them in their

traditional spot over the fireplace, try leaning them against the wall or hanging them low enough to reflect the items in a room," says Sutton. "Both techniques make a dramatic statement in a simple, different way, without compromising the overall comfortable ambience of the room."

### Customization

As the fashion world so effectively demonstrated with monogrammed wallets and photo-inspired tote bags, individuality is hotter-than-hot. In upscale homes, it may range from original custom-made lampshade tassels and cabinet knobs, to one-of-a-kind designed rugs such as those offered by Tufenkian Carpets.

"Personalization and customization have never been more in demand," says Todd Imholte, president of Environmental Graphics, Inc., whose company has produced high-quality decorative wall murals for the past 35 years. "A couple may, for example, not only want to have a sunset mural in their family room — they want it to be the sunset they saw while on vacation in Hawaii last summer."

Customization does not need to be a difficult process, either. Imholte adds, "People can use user-friendly online tools at [www.muralsyourway.com](http://www.muralsyourway.com) to browse gallery images or create custom designs in sizes specific to their needs."

Susan Zises Green, ASID, of Susan Zises Green, Inc., has also seen a surge in the use of murals in luxury homes. "I have noticed an increased demand for wall murals using significant imagery and meaning," she adds. "Designers are commissioning scenes of specific locations or places with sym-



**WALL MURALS ARE** increasingly in demand and can be customized using scenes of specific locations or places that have significant meaning to an individual or family.

bolic family imagery to place more meaning and history into their clients' homes."

### Color

You've seen them at Banana Republic and you'll see them in high-end homes as well. Bright, bold, fashion-forward colors couldn't be more in — with retro-inspired palettes leading the way. Lindley Welch of Dallas' Fabric

Factory notes the recent emergence of grass green and lemon yellow mixed with white, black (or both) in graphic prints, a trend that "incorporates '20s glam with '60s Valley of the Dolls and '70s housewife with a modern, contemporary twist," she notes.

This retro '60s feel and return to color is echoed by Jeffrey Dross, trends expert at Kichler Lighting, who also sees an excit-

ing array of recently ignored colors such as orange and turquoise attached to cool, but comfortable furnishings and accessories.

Since this vibrant color spectrum can be a new and dramatic one for many people, designers suggest introducing color gradually with pillows, throw rugs or accent pieces.

Once you've dipped your foot in the colored water, the possi-

ties are truly endless. "Your face" color palette with interesting textures, patterns and accessories in any room in your home is a fab in no time.

Comfort. Customization. When combined with they allow any upscale owner to create a warm refuge from the outside world. — Courtesy of Im-

## 'Adventurous' grandparents keep the economy flowing

BY JANE GLENN HAAS  
THE ORANGE COUNTY REGISTER

Her name will be Meghan, which is Celtic for "pearl." And indeed, she is a pearl of great price.

Meghan will arrive sometime in late October, the first girl among our five grandsons.

And if we are lucky, she'll soon be going on "adventures" with us. When our own kids were little, we could only afford one or two "adventures" a month.

But now that we're members of the affluent, go-go, digitized and computerized grandparent generation, we can have "adventures" all the time.

Indeed, it's our duty to be adventuresome. The economy counts on us.

Grandparenting, say the experts, isn't what it used to be — especially when Grandma's in Spandex and

Grandpa's on in-line skates.

Today's grandparents spend about \$30 billion a year on grandkids. And that's not the dollars they sock away for future college educations.

They buy rocking chairs and cribs, too, and give adult children house down payments when grandchildren start arriving.

Then they take those little ones on trips. Expensive trips.

Katherine Khalife, publisher of MuseumMarketingTips.com and the Museum Marketing Tips e-newsletter, is quoted in a newsletter as saying, "Grandparents traveling with their grandkids accounted for one in every five trips taken with children in the year 2000. Six million Americans reported vacationing with their grandchildren in a typical month."

The industry calls it "grandtravel." Then there is a nationwide sur-

vey of 1,500 grandparents, all AARP members, that found that 84 percent of grandparents take the kids out to dinner and 75 percent go shopping with them.

All of this makes sense to Allan Zullo, co-author with his wife, Kathryn, of "The Nanas and the Pappas: A Boomer's Guide to Grandparenting" (Andrews McMeel, 2004).

"Boomers don't want to just buy things for grandkids; they want to share experiences," says Zullo.

"They would rather take a trip, go to the zoo, let the grandkids experience their passions."

We're younger in our activities and attitudes, healthier, better-educated and wealthier than most of our own grandparents were, Zullo says.

We're also pioneering a new form of grandparenting. Many of us are still working, and some of us are caring for our parents and younger children when grandkids arrive. We have blended families of steppar-

ents and grandparents.

But the best part is the way we have turned grandparenting from just a time of life into a ritual.

We host "sip and see" parties when the grandkids come to visit — "Do come over for wine and cheese and meet little Joey."

Zullo talks about "grandparent showers" to help new grandparents acquire the stash they need to entertain the little ones — from a crib to some toys.

Of course, Bob and I don't think any of this is necessary.

Although we do have a small bed for Mark, who is 2 and lives nearby,

and a box of toys and a picnic table and a couple of and a pile of videos and a car seat. And this year-old, is visiting from he's going to camp, on Diego, even to the beach.

And yesterday I was baby store having a bit with a sack of bubble Onesies and a dress.

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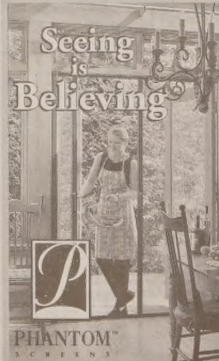
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# Hints for choosing the perfect paint palette for your home

Painting wall color is one of the most exciting and impactful aspects of home decorating. With a little planning, you can create a mood and atmosphere that expresses your personality and makes your home uniquely yours. With a little planning, painting is an easy and economical way to periodically update your palettes and reflect current tastes.

Color plays an important role in how your home looks and how it feels in it," says Charlie Chase, president and CEO of CertaPro Painters, North America's largest residential painting company. Whether you undertake the job yourself or you hire professionals, a good selection and use of color can create a great sense of satisfaction without requiring a large investment.

To get started, keep in mind that inspiration for color can come from anywhere. An entire color scheme can originate from a single object, such as a rug, and can be carried out in just one room or throughout the house.

## Be bold with darker colors

Painting with dark tones is a powerful design statement. Dark colors are ideal for creating a cozy atmosphere in a large, well-proportioned room. Painting one wall of a room or an alcove within a room in darker tones can be a useful technique for accentuating certain features or adding a sense of depth.

**Mixing it up**

Combining colors is an easy way to add drama and dimension throughout your home. Warm colors work well together and tend to be lively and exotic. Cooler shades suggest a relaxed, calm atmosphere. The degree to which you achieve these effects depends on the intensity of the color and whether you use them pure or mixed.

"Choosing a unifying color palette helped make the large addition to our house feel as if it's always been a part of the original structure," says Michael Kluber, president of Kluber, Skahan and Associates, an architectural, engineering, and construction management firm, who selected CertaPro Painters to paint the interior and exterior of his house located 40 miles west of Chicago in Batavia, Ill.

"Throughout much of the house, we used one light neutral that's very calming and in harmony with nature. The rest of the rooms use colors that complement it and one another so there's a sense of coherence, intimacy, and harmony at work as you go from room to room."

## Room to change

As you consider color and its effect, take into account the room size, its functionality, and how often it's used. For example, do you have a hectic living room with lots of activity in a small space? If so, too much strong color may add to the confusion. Or perhaps, there's a room that needs to serve more than one function throughout the day. If so, what color serves both purposes?

In general, small rooms do best with light colors, which make surfaces blend into the background and become less conspicuous. If bright-toned colors are important to you, try incorporating rugs, pillows, and curtains as a way to introduce splashes of color.

If you do try strong colors, remember to limit your color scheme to different shades of a single color. You can use dark colors but avoid too many color contrasts that can make objects feel as if they are coming at you.

Alternatively, deep, rich colors that create the impression of advancing toward the viewer are a good choice for large spaces. A large room can withstand and even benefit from strong, pure colors.

In the end, whatever color choice you go with, always buy a small amount of paint first and test the color on the wall. Don't be shy about taking a few risks with color. If you end up with something you don't love, keep in mind it's relatively easy to fix.

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that is easy on the eye, bright, and fresh.

**Living room:** The ideal color scheme should reflect all the moods and atmosphere required of this multipurpose space. Neutrals work well, as does utilizing bright color on one wall as an accent.

**Bedroom:** Painting a rich deep color like deep green or scarlet can be flattering to most skin tones and can achieve a romantic feeling. If luxuriating under the covers in the morning is what you enjoy most, try shades of grays and blues to achieve serenity.

**Bathroom:** A place for pampering and rejuvenation. Work with existing color (bathtub tiles, sink basin) as a starting point. To balance white walls, introduce nature and texture such as soft towels or a laundry basket.

**Child's room:** Take into account the changing needs and tastes that will most likely occur over the years.

**Home office:** Select clean, simple tones that offer the least excuse for distraction.

**Halls:** Color depends on size and shape. If the space is narrow, stick to pale colors. Contrasting colors can add interest if the hall is long.

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- A simple coat of paint can instantly change a space. Think about rooms you'll be using for photo sessions, like bedrooms and living rooms, and spruce them up with a new color.
- Consider purchasing new bed linens and decorative pillows. They'll dress up your bedroom and offer an ideal enhancement for photos.
- Remember the small accessories that can make a house seem cluttered. Remove extraneous knickknacks and store them away until after the affair.
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# Dinner tonight: The elegant egg

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Omelets used to scare my mother. She could boil an egg, coddle an egg and fry an egg just fine, but ask her to make an omelet and she'd tense right up. She thought, like a lot of people do, that omelets are too hard to make.

Her apprehension infected everyone in the family until Julia Child came to the rescue.

Television's "French Chef" showed us all how to make an effortless omelet. The omelet took only about a minute to make.

Sautéed vegetables, grated cheese, cold meats — crab salad even — all were used as fillings. It all looked so easy that omelets never scared my mother or me again.

Yet, the dish still carries a certain panache, which is why omelets seem to work just as well as an elegant lunch or intimate supper as they do for breakfast. And omelets are a great use for the odds and ends left over in the refrigerator.

## Menu

Cheddar cheese omelet  
Tossed green salad

French bread  
Sliced fresh fruit garnished with finely shredded mint

## Tips

Have all ingredients prepared and in-hand before beginning to cook.

Any shallow, wide skillet — a 10-inch works well for a 3-egg omelet — will do.

Keep a spatula or fork handy if the egg needs some "help" sliding across the pan.

## The recipe

This recipe makes one "rustic" country-style omelet with a golden-brown exterior. Other fillings that would work: sautéed red peppers and onions; diced salami or cooked sausage; cubed tofu; ham; chili and cheese; sautéed mushrooms; chives and goat cheese.

## CHEDDAR CHEESE OMELET

3 large eggs  
¼ teaspoon salt  
Freshly ground pepper  
1 teaspoon butter or oil  
1/3 cup shredded cheese, such as Cheddar, Swiss or Monterey Jack

Whisk eggs, salt and pepper to taste in a small bowl until just blended; set aside.

Heat butter in an 8-inch non-stick skillet over high heat; tilt the skillet so that the melting butter covers the bottom of the pan. Pour in the beaten eggs; tilt the pan so eggs cover the bottom.

Cook without stirring until bottom of the eggs begin to set, about 30 seconds. Sprinkle the grated cheese evenly across the eggs.

Tip the pan upward at a slight angle and jerk the handle sharply toward you to slide the eggs toward the far side of the pan. Free any stuck egg with spatula.

Cook, moving the pan back and forth, until eggs cook to desired degree of doneness, 3 minutes for a runny omelet, or 5 minutes for a dry omelet.

To serve, grasp the pan handle with your palm facing upward. Place the lip of the pan next to a serving plate; flip the pan quickly over on top of the plate. Gently tuck in any misshapen areas with a fork.

Preparation time: 5 minutes, cooking time: 5 minutes, makes 1 serving.



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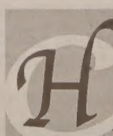
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